

A misty forest scene with snow on the ground and trees. The ground is covered in a layer of brown leaves and patches of white snow. Several tall, thin trees with bare branches stand in the forest. The mist is thick, creating a soft, ethereal atmosphere. The text "Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette" is overlaid in the upper center of the image.

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Club or Organisation	Meeting Day	Location	Contact
Adult Ballet	Wednesdays 6.15-7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Pam Sheen 716384
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30-6.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6 -7.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 700-8.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30-11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Walter's Ash	
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45-10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	The Crick	Phil Crawford 07500 007644
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Mondays 4.45-8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Elaine Tucker 816539 07974 121081 elainetuckeret@aol.com
	Tuesdays 3.30-7.30pm		
	Wednesdays 3.45-6.15pm		
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Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7-8.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8-9pm	Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
Jujitsu	Monday Evening	RAF Walter's Ash	Holly 07957 727054
Line Dancing	Tuesdays 8-9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wilmot 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile Library	Wednesday 10.55-11.30am 11.35 -11.55am 12.05 -12..20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month 7.45 for 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Naphill Women's Fellowship	Wednesday afternoons 2pm	Methodist Church	Betty Jones 564489
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30 and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Wednesdays 7.30pm		
	Thursdays 5.45pm		
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
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	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.30pm		
	Fridays 5-7.30pm Saturday 9-10am		
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Editorial

Welcome to the first 2015 edition of the Naphill and Walter's Ash Gazette and my fellow Gusetteers join me in wishing you a happy, healthy and prosperous 2015.

As always the New Year brings changes, new ideas and even resolutions. Here at the Gazette we are sad to say goodbye to two of the stalwart members of our team. We extend our thanks to Judy Whitehouse and Alan Lewis for their hard work, support and commitment to the Gazette and we welcome our two new members.

David Kidger, the original designer of the Naphill and Walter's Ash website, has kindly agreed to become our Web Master and is currently looking at how the site can be updated and made more useful as a community resource. David will be writing an article about this for next month's Gazette. I will continue to be the day to day contact point for the website, www.naphill.org.uk. I will 'Tweet' out the messages and update the calendar. If you would please kindly send me this information, I will do my best to keep the site updated. David has also set up official Gazette e-mail addresses which are linked to our Gazette roles and which can be used to contact us. These addresses can be found on page 9 of this magazine.

Chris da Rocha is joining us as Advertisement Manager and Alan is in the process of handing over this role. This is an especially busy time for our Advertisement Manager and Treasurer! Existing advertisers have been invoiced to renew their advertisement space for the coming year. If they do not wish to renew the space will be offered to people who are on the advertising waiting list. If you are interested in advertising in our magazine please contact our advertising manager. The new advertising year starts in March so all advertising changes and new advertisements must reach me on or before 8 February for inclusion in the March Gazette. I would respectfully request that our advertisers please check their advertisements and inform us of any changes they require. I will endeavour to make sure that all new advertisements are sent to the advertisers to check before they go to print. As per the editorial disclaimer, I do my best to ensure that everything is correct but I am human and I am not a professional editor!

I am always very keen that the articles which appear in the Gazette should reflect current events and thus be topical. We publish the Gazette 10 times each year. Currently we have two combined issues, July/August and December/January. I am proposing that we

should have a single July magazine and that August/September should be a combined copy. My reasoning here is that each copy is compiled in the middle of the month prior to publication which under the present system means that the editor is trying to compile a magazine in mid August when many of our contributors are on holiday and most of the clubs, societies and councils are closed. If we have an August/September magazine this will be compiled in mid July before everybody is away. I should again value your comments on this proposal.

Now as you know, I greatly value all your articles, letters, comments and photographs and you are very welcome to send these items to me in which ever format suits you best including dropping them in the postbox here at my home. However, I cannot, as a responsible editor, publish anything which is not signed and does not contain any contact details. I will, if requested, put 'name and contact details supplied' but these will always be available to subscribers upon request i.e. I cannot and will not publish anything anonymously! I did recently receive such a communication, which has not been published. If the person concerned would like to resubmit their letter with the appropriate details, I will of course publish it.

We have again been fortunate to have another mild Winter with lots of brilliant Winter sunshine. Please take the opportunity to enjoy our beautiful environment and send me your late Winter and early Spring photographs for inclusion in the March Gazette. With the new advertisements, I anticipate that this will be a very busy month and I should be grateful if all items for inclusion in this magazine should reach me promptly by 15 February.



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Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

There have been two meetings of the Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council since my last report in the December/January Gazette which seems so very long ago. Christmas seems to completely alter the passage of time.

We have a long list of maintenance items and improvements that we would like to make to the Hall and so a sub committee has been set up to prioritise these. All the organisations involved have been asked what improvements they would like to see and these have all been taken into account. High on the list is getting the roofs made watertight and investigating the installation of a hearing loop. We have yet to ascertain how complicated this installation might be but I know that this would be welcomed by many regular hall users. I will keep you informed of our progress in this matter. We are also hoping to get motion sensor lights outside the hall entrance so there will be some illumination when people are entering and leaving. We hope that these will be installed by the time you read

this. We have upgraded the Wi-Fi signal to the hall so that this will now extend into Bon Ami. We have bought new crockery for the Village Hall so there now should be 100 of everything.

Philip Hussey attended our December meeting to receive a gift of thanks for all his hours of work creating the Village map. This is a great addition to the Hall wall and we do thank him profusely for his skill and dedication in producing this work of art. If you see him in the woods do admire his posh new wellies which were his gift from us and so very necessary in the present weather conditions!

After Peggy's letter of "concern" at our marking in the Best Kept Village competition we were awarded an extra 10 marks which brought us up to the level of being Highly Commended and the resulting certificate is now displayed in the Hall. Thanks to you all for your work in keeping the village clean and tidy.

The Christmas Fayre was a great success making a good boost to our funds. All the stalls were sold and provided a good array of different and interesting Christmas gifts. Many thanks to Cathryn for all her hard work.

Napfest will on the weekend of the 5th, 6th and 7th of June and will follow a similar pattern to last year with a concert on the Friday night (pray for lovely weather again), the fete on the Saturday and then the classic car event on the Sunday. As ever volunteers are desperately needed so if you can give up a bit of your time to help to make it another success then do please contact Claire in The Wheel.

The fireworks have been booked for the 7th November. Again volunteers are desperately needed. Please contact Andrew Wilmot if you can help on 562770.

These dates seem a long way away but they will soon come around so please put them in your diary.

A final plea. The blue chairs in the hall do come apart if they are lifted up by the front of the seat. When you carry these could you please hold them by the handles on either side. Thank you.



Sarah Bacon

Chairman Naphill Village Hall and
Playing Fields Council

Village Hall Lost Property

Have you lost a coat, shoes or tennis racket on the playing field or in the village hall?

The lost property box in the village hall is overflowing with all sorts of important things.

At the beginning of March we will empty the box – perhaps donate the contents to the Guides jumble sale.

If you think something of yours might be in the box please call me on 563116

Norma Clarke

Regular Users of Naphill Village Hall

Monday 0930-1030 1030-1130 1245-1430 (small hall) 1000-1200 (small hall) 1630-1830 1930-2130 2010-2200 2000-2100 (small hall)	Pilates Pilates Baby signing class U3A Flower Arranging (3rd Monday in the month) Fraser Morgan Naphill Neighbours (2nd Monday in the month) Village Hall Council (1st Monday in the month) Hortico meetings 4 times a year
Tuesday 0945-1200 1330-1430 1530 2000-2100	Sue Fryer Yoga classes Mill Pike Yoga classes Fraser Morgan Line Dancing
Wednesday 0930-1230 0900-1600 (small hall) 1200-1400 1545-1800 1815-1915 1930-2030 2045-2230	U3A Art (1st Wednesday of the month) Tongue Tied / baby clinic Lunch Club (2nd Wednesday of the month) Fraser Morgan Adult Ballet Pilates College dance/drama class
Thursday 0900-1200 0930-1230 1330-1530 1730-1830 1915-2115 2000-2100 (small hall) 1900-2200	U3A Computer Group (1st Thurs in the month) U3A Art Appreciation (2nd Thurs in the month) U3A Quiz Group 1st Thurs in the month) Pilates WI (3rd Thurs in the month) NAWARA (2nd Thurs in the month) Bridge Club (main hall apart from WI evening)
Friday 0945-1100 1130-2030 1115-1215	Pyramid Health and Fitness Blood Donors (5 times a year) Sue Fryer Yoga class

If you wish to hire the Village Hall please contact Tanya Stevens the Village Hall Bookings Secretary on 01494 563053 or by email at naphillvillagehallbk@gmail.com.

Christians in the Community

We delivered 30-40 packs of mince pies to people living alone over Christmas and half a dozen plants or biscuits from Mothers Union at Hughenden Church.

And together with the 2,000 Christmas cards delivered to all houses in the parish we hope that people realize there is a real, living church herein our community.

Roll on Easter and the Spring sunshine!

Norma Clarke

Naphill Brownies

Happy New Year everyone!

The end of 2015 was a busy time for the brownies. We had a wonderful time at the Christmas Craft Day. We spent a whole day making decorations, cards and gifts with other Rainbows, brownies and Guides from the Hughenden District. All-in-all about 50 girls took part. Thank you to all the helpers who planned the crafts and helped with the event.

We also took part in our annual Christmas Carol Service at Hughenden Church. As well as singing carols, all the Guide and Brownie groups provide a short entertainment. This year we chose to try our hand at learning a bit of rock-n-roll so we could jive along to 'Rocking around the Christmas Tree'. As ever there was a wide range of different entertainments including songs, readings, poems and sketches. It was a nice way to round off the year.

Through January we are doing various Spring activities including our own version of Springwatch, blossom painting and preparing for Mothers Day. We also have a visit to Sainsbury's instore bakery planned, where we hope to learn about baking and maybe decorate some cakes.

We would like to welcome our 3 new brownies who join us this term. We hope you love brownies as much as we do.

Finally, don't forget the Jumble Sale on 7th March. Please start collecting up your jumble for us.



Brown Owl (Ruth Daly)

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**Guides &
Brownies
Jumble Sale
Saturday
7th March
Naphill Village Hall
1.30pm**

**We will be collecting items for the sale
around the village on the morning of the
sale, and would also welcome any items
you wish to bring to the Village Hall.**

No furniture or electrical goods please.

Naphill Scouts

This term we have a big focus on badge work and we intend to complete a number of different Challenge Badges. The Challenge badges involve a variety of activities which take many weeks to complete and which build towards the ultimate scout award, the Chief Scouts Gold Award. Many of the activities we have been doing recently contribute to these. Google "Scout Challenge Badge" (other search engines are available) if you want to understand more about just how much work our scouts have to put in to achieve this most prestigious award.

One of our first activities this term will be a cook out in the woods. This is always the most challenging cook out we do as the wood is very cold, wet and muddy, and the fires can be a challenge to light. For our new scouts it is an opportunity to achieve the Camp Cook badge, assuming of course they can get the fires lit!

We will also be doing the Mechanics badge, for which we are very grateful to Perrys Ford in High Wycombe who will be opening up their workshop to our scouts and their highly trained technicians who give their time to teach our scouts all they need to achieve the badge.

We are a bit short of leaders this term due to work commitments and so will be asking our parents to provide assistance every now and then, for example on our scout hike night. We do have a hardy group of supportive parents but if you wanted to volunteer some time to help out then please drop us an email, andy13957@live.com, to find out more.



Mark Powell

Friends of Naphill Common

You will be very welcome at our Open Meeting on Friday 13th February in Naphill Village Hall. Doors open at 7.30pm. Our main speaker is Charles Kent who will talk about 'Farming in the North Dean Valley'. The meeting is also our AGM so there will be some business which will be kept to a minimum, but you will be able to vote in a new committee including a new chairman. We would very much welcome your comments on what we have been doing and suggestions about what activities and events you would like us to undertake during the coming year. The Common is presently in quite a mess after the felling and widening of the main rides, so there is plenty to discuss.

We have been very fortunate in receiving an offer from John Shaw of the Chiltern Rangers who are willing to undertake tasks on the Common. The Rangers are a social enterprise group involving young people, founded by John and Tony Speight, and funded by the Bucks County Council. John Shaw will be at our Open meeting and will give a short talk on the Rangers and what they can do.

Our walks continue throughout the year. Ron Collins leads the longer walks of about five miles (2½ to 3

hours) on the third Monday of each month, and has given the following list of dates: 16th Feb, 16th March, 20th April, 18th May, 15th June, 20th July, 17th Aug, 21st Sept, 19th Oct, 16th Nov and 21st Dec. Meet at the Village Hall at 9.25am for a start at 9.30am sharp. Chris Miller leads our short walks (2 to 3 miles) starting at 10.30am from the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month. Our working parties will continue to open up the paths and clear scrub.

I am interested in collecting together information about the history of our common, which in turn involves the whole village. If anyone has information beyond that in Rex Leaver's excellent book and the little book by Ron Piercy about the Village Hall, I would be very grateful to hear about it. Perhaps someone out there has done some research and would like to see it made available to the public. Please let me know.

The state of the Common has already been mentioned. Perhaps it was inevitable that removing timber in foul weather would produce some ruts and mud. We must hope that, with the extra light now able to reach the soil, the vegetation will quickly return and cover the scars. The Friends of Naphill Common will do all it can to help the healing process.



Trevor Hussey
Chairman.

A Carrot and Mike Mason



Mike who is a very keen gardener, sent us this picture of a super sized carrot grown on his allotment, right here in Sunny Naphill!.

He proudly tells me that it weighs 4lbs 4.5oz.

(2kg for our younger readers!) Well done Mike!
If you need gardening advice Mike is the man!
Sonia

Naphill and Walter's Ash School



At Naphill and Walters Ash School, the Reception, Year one and Year two extend their learning by going out of the school and into the woods. Each week they enjoy exploring the wonders of the forest and play games whilst learning so much about this facinating environment.



We were invited to Forest School to experience what the children do there. When asked what they like to do, Chloe said, "I like playing in the hollow and collecting interesting stones." The children discovered a new area of the woods and came across a hollow full of muddy rain water. They really enjoyed jumping into the hollow; luckily they were wearing water proof trousers!



Near the end of the afternoon, all the children gathered at the circle of tree stumps. Each child said what animal they would like to be and what they enjoyed about Forest School. There was: Amelia the Elephant who liked getting muddy, Isa the Cheetah who liked launching into the hollow and Olly the Octopus who enjoyed jumping in puddles.

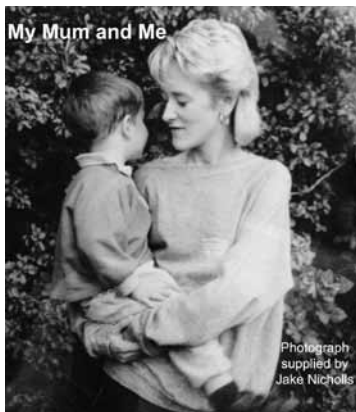
It looked like the excitable Year twos had a lot of fun while they were learning. One child said, "I think that I learn more about nature when I'm actually in it, instead of being in the classroom." Altogether the trip to Forest School was very successful and we got to see just how much they learn in the forest!

*Cordelia Thompson and Daniel Hooper,
Year 6 editorial team*

A Tribute to Lynn Nicholls Marshall

It's sad to say, but yesterday my Mum (Lynn Nicholls Marshall) finally lost the fight to cancer. Having been diagnosed in September, the last few months were a constant battle and believe me she battled. Her attitude, courage and positively stubborn mind remained true. She even managed to make sure our new house was finally decorated and complete before she left. I would just like to say thank you Mum for everything you've done for me in the last 21 years, you were only my age roughly when I was born. So I can appreciate how difficult it must have been but I'd say you haven't done a bad job. We will love and miss you, sweet dreams Mum.

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." - Dr. Seuss



Jake Nicholls

Editorial Comment

Jake wrote this tribute to his Mum the day after her death. With his kind permission I publish it with the photograph, as he wrote it on his Facebook page.

I also extend my heartfelt sympathy to Lynn's family and many friends at this sad time.

Sonia

Shear Madness

It was with great sadness that I announced the death of my dear friend and business partner Lynn Nicholls Marshall on 27 November 2014. Lynn was diagnosed with terminal cancer in September. This was devastating news for everybody who knew and loved her. Lynn bravely accepted that her life was

soon ending and in her own inimitable fashion set about cramming as much into the available time as possible. As you will no doubt remember this included her wedding to her long time partner Paul which was a joyous day for everybody in spite of Lynn's rapidly deteriorating health. Lynn was determined to leave everything in good order. She supervised the decoration of her new home and set about preparing her devoted family and friends for her impending death. She stayed upbeat and positive.

Lynn had very specific ideas as to what was to happen after her death. She vehemently hated the idea of a traditional cremation service but she was persuaded that a very few of her closest friends and family should be allowed to attend this ceremony. Her wish was that there should be a 'Celebration of Life' where all her family and friends would gather to do just this. On Monday 22 December we all gathered at Naphill Village Hall. The hall was packed to overflowing.

We listened to music and watched videos chosen by Lynn, depicting her life. Her closest friends and family spoke about Lynn and Aaron, a family friend, read the speech which Lynn had written prior to her death, to be read at this event. Everybody was invited to go across to The Wheel where there was the opportunity to reminisce further, to raise a glass and enjoy the buffet laid on by Claire and her staff. Very special thanks to Claire who gave up her very last day off before Christmas to organize this.

I should like to thank everybody for their support, the cards, the flowers, the gifts and the donations in memory of Lynn. This has been a traumatic time and so I will be taking a break from 7th February until 23rd February. I am very sorry for any inconvenience this might cause but I trust that you will understand that this is a much needed holiday. The Saturday opening hours have also been revised and we will now be opening from 8.30am – 4pm. Of course life without Lynn at Shear Madness will never be the same but I am endeavouring to make it BUSINESS AS USUAL and I look forward to welcoming our customers both old and new.

Mandy Dearden

Picture This

It never feels like my favourite month, February. How about you?

In his epic song 'American Pie', Don McLean captured that feeling when he wrote:

*'But February made me shiver,
With every paper I'd deliver,
Bad news on the doorstep,
I couldn't take one more step'*

Even the Romans felt glum; January and February were the last two months to be added to the Roman calendar, since the Romans originally considered winter a monthless period. Hand me the St John's Wort.....

But hold on. That's not the full picture. There's Valentine's Day on the 14th and there's Pancake Day

on the 17th and I almost missed out Half Term that starts on the 16th. February's looking better already! So it all depends on how you look at something, what you notice. You could be a Don Mac and be a Glum, or be the perfect Valentine. I think that making pictures is a bit like that. You can point your camera at the obvious; the beauty spots that have almost been worn out by the constant tramp of thousands of digital footsteps. Or you could create your own beauty spot.

You might have walked through the view on the cover many times and hardly noticed it. It's easy to miss; it doesn't shout out at you especially on a cold, wet February morning when you're huddling down deep into your waterproof coat. But even on such a day, it can be very beautiful if you take time to look. And there are endless similar pictures right on the doorstep of Naphill & Walter's Ash all waiting to be discovered.

So my pixel-filled suggestion for a (late) New Year's resolution is to look and look again. If you walk on the common regularly, try walking in the opposite direction. You will see things very differently. Oh yes, and always take your camera for that moment when you see something you've never seen before.

You don't see what you think you see,

But what you think, you see...

The cover picture is Bradenham Woods, just 100 metres from Bradenham Woods Lane.

Whatever the weather, enjoy your photography.

Richard Holroyd
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Christmas Tree Lights

The team hope you all enjoyed the lights, which were on from 29th November to 5th January. The lead climber was Mike Leggett and up on top of the cherry-picker was its driver Mark Blamey from Saunderton. Also on high on the cherry-picker was Stephen Fountain of Widmer End for putting the lights up and Kevin Oxnard for taking the lights down. The team on the ground comprised Gary Putnam of Lacey Green, John Harris, Ron Collins, Terry Aldridge, Peter Brown, Peter Davis, Neil McMinn and myself. I should point out that the three members from outside Naphill all have Naphill connections: Mark Blamey's grandfather and uncle used to live in Naphill; Gary Putnam used to live in Naphill and his brother-in-law is Stephen Fountain. We are extremely grateful for their help in making our tree such a spectacle. We are also extremely grateful to Arbourtech Services of Downley Road who provided the cherry-picker free of charge once more.

This was the sixth year we have used the "new" LED lights (light-emitting diodes) and the garlands which have 40 sockets on each. There are a total of 5,390 LEDs providing the spectacle, including 350 in the sphere. So far the equipment is standing up to the harsh environment reasonably well. About 4 to 6 percent of the bulbs need replacing each year and

a few garlands are damaged by the stormy winds. Neither the manufacturer nor ourselves knows what the long-term reliability will be as the equipment is so relatively new.

The weather for putting up the lights on 29th November was exceptionally good – a brief window in between periods of really awful weather; we were extremely lucky. However, when we were half-way through taking down the lights on 17th January it started to snow, but all went well. The team was fortified by sandwiches brought out at half-time by Claire Christian from "The Wheel". Marlène Mason provided the essential mince pies, tea and coffee and, as last year and at the special request of Ron Collins, the hot mince pies were dosed with whisky.

Cathryn Carter distributed the collection tins in the village shops. Royal Air Force High Wycombe made a donation of £200 for which we are very grateful. We are most grateful to the village organisations which made collections and YOU, the public, who contributed to the collection tins. Without funds coming in to pay for replacement bulbs, garlands and other equipment, plus the insurance for the operation, plus the electricity, we could not brighten everyone's Christmas in the way we do. Thank you.

Mike Mason

Thank You for Our Christmas Tree Lights

Once again, we were all delighted to see our spectacular tree lights this year. So many people have commented on how wonderful they always look, and how the tree reminds them of a giant Christmas pudding!

As always, a huge thank you goes to the team, led by Mike Mason, who brave the elements each year to bring us all such joy, and cheer up the dark evenings.

However, the biggest thanks must go to everyone who contributed towards the lights by putting a donation in one of the boxes that were in all the local pubs and businesses. Although the total was down on previous years you were incredibly generous and the total in the boxes this year was £274. We also had a £200 donation from the R.A.F, a £25 donation from Naphill Neighbours and the W.I made a collection at their Christmas party, giving a grand total of £540 which goes a long way towards the running costs and the essential insurance for Mike and his team.

We can safely say that our tree's future remains very bright indeed!

Cathryn Carter

A Personal Perspective

This is probably the last insight into the life of one Parish Councillor, apart perhaps from further ones that might encourage you to put yourself forward in the elections that will take place in early May. This has been a repeated theme in various 'personal perspective' articles over the last four years.

I'd like to inform you that I will not be standing in May for re-election as a Councillor. It's been a hard decision to make, and I thank you for the general support I've had, particularly on certain initiatives. However, there are a variety of other things which have not received their fair share of my time. I will continue to ensure that the build-up to elections, whether contested or not, will run smoothly and will hope for the active support of many parishioners. I hope that this article will help you to understand the reasons for my decision, and why I still recommend that everyone should seriously consider putting their name forward as a possible Parish Councillor in the forthcoming elections.

There are a number of reasons I believe you might consider if you want to find out more about being a Parish Councillor. Not the least is the fair distribution of public money, on which decisions can be made on behalf of the local community. In addition, the collective voice of the whole Council can often be helpful in encouraging other organisations (Wycombe District Council, Transport for Bucks, Bucks County Council, for instance) to consider action which we believe will be in the best interests of our community. You would also learn a little of how 'local government' works, and be part of the 'democratic process' which is at the heart of much that we cherish, even when our personal view is not always that of the majority.

There can, of course, be disadvantages. Allocating a fair share of time to family, work or other interests is not always easy, and has probably been the main reason why we've lost some of our other councillors over the years. I'm no exception to those conflicts of time, and will continue to work for the interests of Hughenden Parish, and for Naphill & Walter's Ash Ward in particular, until the elections.

So, if you'd like to know more about volunteering to become a Parish Councillor, please contact our Clerk, Peter Wetherman, on HW 715296. In addition, a single file of many of my earlier 'personal perspective' articles is being made available on our website, www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk, as one person's view of being a Parish Councillor.

My best wishes to you.
Roger Beavil

A Letter from our Methodist Minister

Dear Friends,

It can be a tricky conversation to tell someone something about their character or their actions that clearly they don't recognise in themselves.

In our bible study we looked at the book of the prophet Amos, whose doubtful privilege was to tell the Israelites how displeased their God was with them. But Amos wisely started with the surrounding nations one by one, telling the Israelites how displeased God was with the wicked political and military actions of those foreigners. The Israelites undoubtedly recognised the well-known dastardly deeds of their neighbours, and no doubt cheered when Amos roundly condemned each one. And probably a specially loud

cheer for the criticisms of Judah, their fellow Israelites, with whom they had fallen out years ago. Then smugly they expected in contrast his praise for them, God's chosen people. But instead Amos criticised their hypocrisy and religiosity, their wealth gathered at the poor person's expense, their manipulation of the law courts, acceptance of bribes, and their complacent refusal to recognise the signs already sent by God. Amos prophesied their doom. They did not change their ways, and 20 years later they were destroyed by the Assyrians.

There's a lot to be understood from that story, but it illustrates the human tendency to see other people's faults more easily than we see our own. Although our own press can be quite disparaging about this country, few of us bother to read what is written about us in the foreign press. What would they know anyway? And who cares what they think?! But we have a valuable proverb: The onlooker sees more of the game. The slightly deviant version says: The crowd sees more than the ref.

Most of us could offer an opinion about the goings-on in distant places or in other people's lives, but we rarely appreciate their opinions of us!

Yet deep down, most of us want to be doing the right thing, (which is not quite the same as wanting to be seen to be doing the right thing!). Those of us of faith define our "right thing" by the morality expressed in our religion. Those of other religions or of none still have a sense of right and wrong, and still get a troubled conscience from time to time. But all of us can be blind to our shortcomings, and need an onlooker or an Amos to open our eyes to ourselves. And even then, sometimes we cannot bring ourselves to see ourselves as others see us, let alone how God might see us!

During February we begin Lent: with fun and feasting on Pancake Day, but with more seriousness thereafter. A season of self-examination. A prayer that God might open our eyes to ourselves, before we should open our eyes to the world around us.

May you see more of the "game".

Mike Hill
Methodist Minister at Naphill

Shrove Tuesday/ Pancake Day is 17 February
Ash Wednesday/ First day of Lent is 18 February
Good Friday is 3 April
Easter Sunday is 5 April

Saint Botolph's Services

February 1st	Eucharist	11am	Rev.Nigel Lacey
February 8th	Eucharist	11am	Rev.Jenny Elli
February 15th	Eucharist	11am	Rev.Jenny Ellis
February 22nd	Eucharist	11am	Allison Smake

Peggy Ewart

The Wheel

Happy New Year to everyone! We hope that it is a happy, healthy and prosperous 2015 for you all.

December was, as ever, a busy month with many Christmas and New Year festivities. We should like to thank you all for making it such a fun month. Our staff have been brilliant and worked so hard during this busy time and I extend my personal thanks to them all.

January is always a bit of relief as I finally have time to work out which day of the week it is. It certainly was a very busy year! Although this is a quieter month it is also time to catch up and plan the year ahead.

As many of you will have noticed there have been some big staff changes here and there are still more to come. It has been very difficult losing such an established team but change is also good and you can all meet our new guys and girls when you are next in. Please be gentle with them! It is hard when you first start a new role. Annabel and Aby leave at the beginning of February and are off travelling. We are having a leaving party for them on the 31st January so please come and join the fun as it will be an entertaining evening.

So what's coming up over the next few weeks:

- 6th February - Start of the 6 Nations Rugby
- 14th February - Curry Night by Candle Light
- 17th March - St Patrick's Day
- 19th March - Speciality Burger Night

There are many things planned for the rest of the year. Here is a quick summary:

- It's going to be a great year of Rugby with the 6 Nations in February.
- Rugby World Cup in September.
- Our Beer Festival will be back in April, planned for the 17th and 18th.
- Big birthdays celebrations, including mine in June
- Napfest is back 5th, 6th and 7th June.

We will still be holding lots of speciality Food Evenings and have been in discussions with customers about some big charity events. So much to do and so little time but here's to a fun filled 2015.

Thank you to everyone for 2014 and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Claire and Mark

Pony Espresso

A belated Happy New Year to all our friends and customers! As I sit here with one month's rain falling overnight, dreaming of the imminent arrival of snowdrops, daffodils, Spring and Valentine's Day (not necessarily in that order) one thing is certain - we will have Valentine's cupcakes on the day, so for all you romantics, get yourselves down to Pony Espresso to avoid missing out on a special treat.....for whoever!

By now, the resolutions of making lunches for work,

laying off the cakes and doing more exercise, though hopefully that will be ongoing, will have faded. Just a reminder that we are still serving delicious freshly baked baguettes with various fillings, homemade soup, salads and daily specials. If it is a quiet, relaxing coffee or one of a selection of teas while you use the free Wi-Fi or read the newspapers, then we look forward to welcoming you.

We now have two local greeting card makers who have beautifully made creations on sale in the cafe, so please support them!

Once again, I thank our customers for all the support and your positive feedback. My thanks also to Donna, Trudy, Liz and Ellie for being such a great team!

Blaine

The Black Lion

Now that Christmas is over, and what a great one it was, from all of us here at The Black Lion, I wish you a very Happy New Year and thank all of our customers for their support throughout 2014. We sincerely hope to have your continued support as we go forward into another exciting year of events.

Here is a taster of some of our planned events and special deals:

- Our ever popular 2 meals for £12 running all day Monday to Thursday and 12-3pm on Fridays.
- Quiz Night is held every 1st Sunday of the month. The next two, for your diary, are the 1st February and the 1st March. Please come and support us and have fun. We donate half of the monies raised on these evenings to the village charities
- Valentine's Day - Saturday 14th February. Why not book a table and treat your other half or someone special to a meal. We will be serving our special Valentine's menu which will include a free bottle of wine.
- Mother's Day - Sunday 15th March is another occasion to book a table for a special lunch
- An exciting Specials Menu continues alongside our regular menu every Friday from 6-9pm and all day Saturday.
- We offer BT Sport on Saturday lunchtimes and all through the week, showing a selection of different sports.
- Our regular offerings of guest ales are IPA and Doombar along with two ever changing additional guest ales.

As ever we offer a warm and friendly welcome to everybody including dogs and muddy boots .

Don't forget, we are able to cater for small and large parties including Birthdays, Engagements, Christenings, Wedding Receptions, Wakes or any other special occasion you can think of. Please let us know your requirements and just leave the rest to us..

Happy New Year from the team at the Black Lion.

The Black Lion Manager



The Napfest is Back

Friday 5th - Sunday 7th February

Wild West Theme

In June 2015 we will celebrate the second NapFest weekend! Returning with the Friday Evening Music event, the Saturday Naphill & Walters Ash Fete with all the family fun, and culminating, on the Sunday, with the Classics on the Crick for all you car and bike enthusiasts.

Last year the huge marquee certainly proved its worth so we are hiring it again. It saved us all from getting a soaking on fete day and it gave us a great venue to dance in whilst enjoying the Bands.

Classics on the Crick was a resounding success. We hope you'll drive along in your favourite jalopy and make it an even more amazing day.

Don't forget to put aside all those unusual or unwanted gifts, so that closer to the date you can donate them to the Tombola Stall.

If you enjoyed the weekend last year and would like to be involved, we are always grateful to get extra help. Volunteers are a vital part of any successful event, and they can come in a range of shapes, sizes and abilities! The village Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Guides and Rangers all contribute. Mums, Dads, Aunties, Uncles, Grans and Grandads also do their bit.... So if you think you could manage any of the following, or something similar then we can definitely find you a role. Gate Attendant, Car Park control, stalls set up, table and chair mover, Stall keeper, litter picker, general maintenance, guide, helping hand, friendly face – these are just a few of the roles I can think of!

Contact details for the Fete committee are NWAFete@hotmail.co.uk, Claire at The Wheel, or approach one of us if you see us out and about.

Each month the Gazette will have an update on our preparations, where your help is needed and information regarding each days' events and how you can be there enjoying the fun.

Sam Keen
Napfest Secretary

Naphill Horticultural Society

Our next event is our DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT on Friday 6th March. Doors open at 7.15pm and we will have the usual Wine & Soft Drinks Bar. Tickets are now available, and cost just £16, including a glass of wine, so if you would like to join us in the Village Hall for this popular event, give me a call.

The menu will be a choice of :-

- Chicken & Ham Pie or
Pork with Apple & Calvados or
Aubergine, Tomato & Parmesan (vegetarian)

All served with New Potatoes with Butter, Roasted Vegetables & Carrots

For Dessert:-

- Lemon Cheesecake or
Pecan & Maple Syrup Sticky Pudding

Tea and Coffee will follow.

After dinner we will be entertained by local singer Chris Weeks performing a selection of classic songs.

Members and non-members are all very welcome, but I must have final numbers and menu choices by February 27th. Tickets always sell fast – so don't wait to be invited, just pick up the phone!

Looking ahead, we have a trip to the RHS gardens at Wisley on Sunday 14th June- if you would like to join us please book with Janet Judge.

2015 marks the 70th anniversary of Naphill Shows, so please start planning and planting now as we are hoping for some spectacular exhibits to make the shows extra special this year.

Finally, an early reminder that on Monday March 16th we hold our AGM at 8.00pm in the Small Hall. As always, all are welcome to come along and air their views, and we would love to see some new faces.

See you all on March 6th.

Cathryn Carter
563233

Naphill and Hughenden Scout Group

January 2015

Dear Parents / Supporters,

Until the end of last term, Naphill and Hughenden Scout Group consisted of 2 Beaver Scout Colonies, 2 Cub Scout Packs and 2 Scout Troops. Unfortunately, due to a lack of adult volunteers, the hugely popular Hughenden Cub Scout Pack closed at Christmas.

It is wrong to assume that the only people to suffer in this situation are the Hughenden Cubs directly affected. In reality the repercussions will be felt throughout the whole Group.



Even before the closure, Naphill Disraeli Cub Scout Pack was already at maximum capacity while feeding only from Naphill Beavers. Between them, the 2 Colonies generate in the region of 24 Cubs each year. Take one Pack out of the equation and the pressure for places on the remaining Pack will be immense.

At the other end of the age range, transferring to Scouts, the result will be the reverse. Without its main source of recruits, numbers will dwindle drastically for Hughenden Scout Troop and Naphill Scout Troop also will be affected.

Equally, parents of prospective Beavers will become aware that by joining Hughenden Beavers their child will have less chance of progressing to Cubs, which will inevitably add to the already massive waiting list at Naphill Beavers, which already results in some children reaching 8 years old before even getting into Beavers.

For the reasons outlined above, It is vital that the Group maintains 2 Cub Scout Packs.

To do this we urgently need volunteers to step forward as Uniformed Leaders.

The more people who do step forward, the more the workload and responsibility is shared. Training and support will be provided, both at District/County and Group level. You won't be on your own. No previous experience is required to become a Cub Scout Leader, only enthusiasm and a sense of humour!

Until its closure, the Hughenden Pack met on a Wednesday evening at Hughenden Village Hall. This time-slot remains available but if it proves a stumbling block to prospective Leaders, it could be possible for the Pack to switch to a Monday evening at Naphill HQ.

Experience shows that the longer the time lapse, the more difficult it becomes to reopen a Cub Scout Pack. Before the Pack has time to disappear forever, will you step forward to provide a resource that the villages of Hughenden, Naphill, Speen, North Dean, Walters Ash and Lacey Green can't afford to lose?

If you think you could help us to provide Scouting for future Hughenden Cub Scouts, then please get in touch urgently.

For more information call our Group Scout Leader,

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**Make a difference!
Please help us and
call NOW!**



Bon Ami

Happy New Year to everyone!

We cannot believe it; The 4th February will be our 4th birthday! We hope that as many of you as possible can join us for slice of birthday cake on the day.

If this Gazette copy is with you by 30th January please note that Bon Ami are holding a "Have your Say" meeting on this day. This will provide an opportunity for everyone to voice their opinions on local policing issues. The local police officers will be in attendance between 10.30-12.30.

Our next Naphill Business Network meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 24th February at 8.30am. This is a great chance for local business people to promote their businesses.

We are delighted to announce that thanks to our landlords, The Naphill Village Hall Committee, and their secretary, Judy Whithouse, that we now have WiFi coverage ALL of the time for all of our customers.

Best wishes to you all,
Amanda & Ruth.

Naphill and Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning to 3rd December 2014

14/08050/FUL. 49 Main Road, Naphill. Householder Application for construction of two storey rear extension. **14/08010/FUL Woodlyn, Downley Road, Naphill.** HA for construction of bay window and porch canopy to front, first floor front extension and construction of 2 x front and 3 x rear dormer windows, insertion of rooflight to front and rear roofslope and construction of two storey rear extension. (Alternative scheme to pp14/07178/FUL). **14/07930/FUL 7 Main Road, Naphill,** HA for construction of single storey side extension, canopy to side and convert half of existing garage to form utility room. **14/07862/FUL Sandstone Cottage, Clappins Lane, Naphill.** HA for insertion of three rooflights within rear roofslope and conversion of loft to form habitable accommodation. **14/07452/FUL The Hedgerow, Parkwood, Walters Ash..** Change of use of land for use of horses, erection of detached stables/washroom building & creation of hard standing (part retrospective). (**Comment.** The Murphys and O'Connors have moved to Flackwell Heath. If this application were to succeed it would be an invitation to other traveller families to move in. On 4th December a light was seen in the detached stables/washroom building. What remains of the field is insufficient grazing for even a single horse, and the laurel hedge surrounding it would poison horses. **Objection.**)

Permitted

14/07468/FUL 364 Main Road, Walters Ash Bucks. HA for construction of part single storey part two storey rear extension.

Planning to 6th January 2015:

15/05028/FUL Caprice, Purssells Meadow, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey rear conservatory.

14/08191/FUL 14 Vincents Way, Naphill. HA for construction of extensions to existing rear dormer. **14/08131/CLP . Peel House, 1 The Glebe, Naphill.** Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed construction of single storey rear/side extension with 1 x rooflight. **14/08125/FUL 41 & 42 Ash Close, Walters Ash.**

HA for construction of single attached garages for both properties. (Objection. Change of access unsatisfactory). **14/08101/FUL Witches Moon, Stocking Lane, Naphill.** HA for construction of part two storey rear (following part demolition of existing conservatory), part first floor rear/side extension and erection of detached outbuilding (garden room) to rear garden.

Permitted

14/07862/FUL. Sandstone Cottage, Clappins Lane, Naphill. See above. **14/07849/FUL Stoneleigh, Coombe Lane, Naphill.** Erection of 1 x 3 bed detached dwelling with attached single garage and detached stable and construction of new detached garage for Stoneleigh and associated alterations **14/07701/FUL 1 Battingswood Gardens, Naphill.** HA for construction of timber decking to rear (part retrospective). **14/07695/FUL. Digmaoor Cottage, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill.** HA for construction of single storey side extension. **14/07576/FUL 81C Main Road, Naphill.** HA for construction of part single, part two storey side and rear extension.

Uplands Hotel, Four Ashes Road, Cryers Hill.
Appeal withdrawn.

Parish Council Elections May 2015

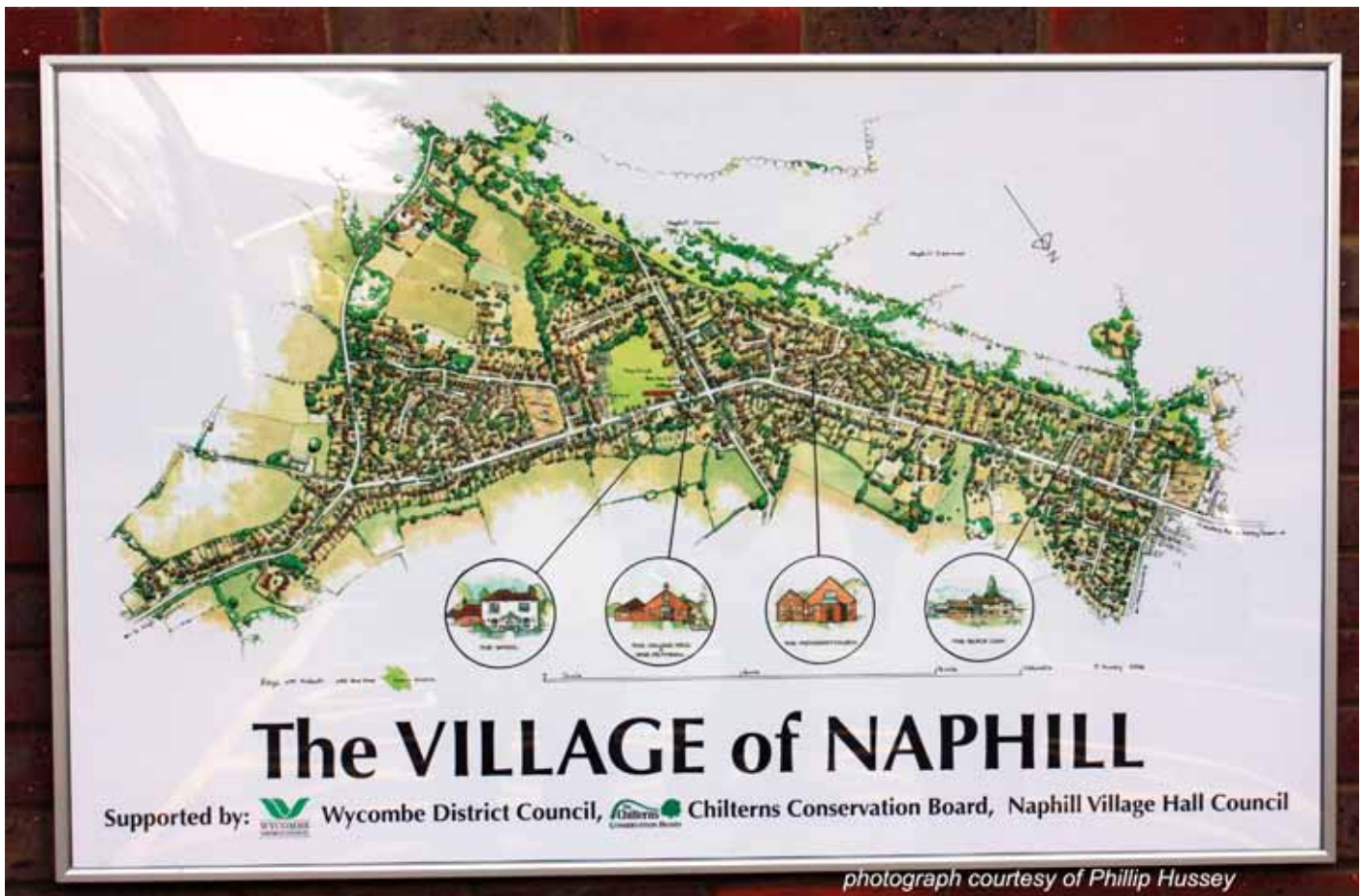
Parish Council. Although most residents in Naphill and Walter's Ash live in Hughenden Parish some residents of Walter's Ash live in Bradenham Parish and some in Lacey Green Parish. If you wish to stand for election you may do so if you are a registered elector living or working in the parish for which you wish to stand or are within three miles of that parish. Most of our residents will therefore be eligible for election to any of these three parishes. However it is important to note that both your Proposer and Seconder must be registered electors living in the parish for which they are proposing you.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish or District Councillor you can Google the Electoral Commission Website for all the basic information. Deadline for Nomination Papers to reach Wycombe District Council is 4pm on 9th April 2015.

Several of the present parish councillors, for personal reasons, will not be standing again in the May 2015 elections. If you would like to serve the community as a Parish or District Councillor for the next 4 years, nomination papers will be available in due course. The more nominations the better!

Date of next meeting. 8pm Thursday 13th February, 2015, Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive
563634



Phillip Hussey recently created this fabulous map of Naphill Village. This is now mounted on the Village Hall wall. It really is a work of art, the detail is amazing and it is well worth taking a look at!

Sonia

Hughenden Parish Council (Please note the time on the clock. It is pm! They are just closing their meeting!)



Hughenden Parish Council Report

Happy New Year.

2015 will potentially see big changes in the political landscape as the General Election looms in May. However, we must also not forget that there will once again be elections for the Parish Council. As Roger mentions elsewhere, this will be an opportunity for those interested in helping the Community to put their names forward for election as a Parish Councillor. To help any who may be thinking of standing to understand what is involved, the Council are holding a 'meet and greet' evening at Naphill Village Hall on 17th April. Please do put it in the diary and we look forward to seeing you there.

The saga of the allotments rolls on with more twists and turns than Alton Towers. The process of transferring the ward allotments to the ALFP charity has been put on hold whilst the Charities Commission decide what to do next in the light of objections to the constitution they had put forward. Allotment site representatives are being kept informed of developments. From the allotment holder's point of view, this does not in any way affect their ongoing rentals.

There was a good response, the second time around, to our recent questionnaire and we are in the process of analysing the results. We expect to be able to give a flavour of these in the next newsletter.

The Council has now formally approved the precept for 2015/16. This is the amount it requests from Wycombe District Council to add to receipts from the Garden of Rest and the allotments to balance the spending budget and is raised through Council Tax. After three years of no increase, it has been decided to increase the precept from £154,710 in 2014/15 to £177,280, a rise of 12% or just over £5 per household. This might seem strange under current constraints, but we have started to get money flowing back into the community through grants and loans. The Council has determined that this should increase next year and we should support more projects around the Parish that can benefit the various organisations and facilities that do so much for Parishioners. It also has to take account of election spend by WDC that is allocated to Parishes and increased running costs generally. Even at this level though, Hughenden Parish Council remains one of the lower precept costs per household in the District.



*Phil Conran, Roger Beavil
Dennis Hackling, Peter Williams*

Bradenham Parish Council Report

Happy New Year!

At its January meeting the parish council was grateful that one of the Walter's Ash residents was able to give the council a verbal report on his progress and ideas for increasing the safety for pedestrians at the junction of Bradenham Woods Lane/ New Road/Main Road in Walter's Ash. Various options were discussed at

the meeting and our County Councillor, Carl Etholen, offered to take the matter up with Transport for Buckinghamshire to have a survey undertaken as an initial consultation. How this will be paid for has not yet been decided or agreed. We were asked to include a second survey on crossing Main Road by the school in our request, but this is in Hughenden Parish. We will contact Hughenden Parish Council and await their response.

You will have noted that the centre white lines in Bradenham village have now been covered with black strips, they had been accidentally placed through the village. The covering is not ideal and somewhat messy, but it has been decided to leave the matter. Having the lines burnt off, would be prohibitively expensive, although the parish council had been perfectly clear in its request not to have the white lines replaced.

The parish council is supporting the R.A.F. in their pursuit of reducing the speed limit on New Road from 40mph to 30mph.

The design for an entry gate to Bradenham Village has at long last been agreed with Transport for Buckinghamshire and the National Trust, we hope to have it in place in a few months.

Flooding on Rectory Lane in Bradenham is a continuing problem and again our County Councillor offered to take this up with Transport for Buckinghamshire as we are not making any progress.

The parish council set the budget for 2015/16, again it includes an amount of money to pay for traffic calming. It was agreed to keep the precept the same at £7000.

Our next meeting will be Monday 2 March at 7.00pm at Bradenham Cricket Club.



Deirdre Hansen
Clerk to the Council
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Good Companions

The local Good Companions Club is back for 2015! Our club is open to all over sixties and we extend a warm welcome to local ladies and gentleman to join us on the first Thursday of each month at 2pm in Hughenden Village Hall.

We enjoy a varied and interesting program. Our next meeting is 5 February when we are looking forward to a talk by Alan Jaycock entitled "Fur, Feathers and Fins". On 5 March we have a group of singers called "Three's Company" who have visited us before and who are always entertaining. We very much hope that you will join us!

If you would like any further details about our group, please contact me,



Sheila Veysey
562332

Naphill Neighbours

Our new year started on a very wet and windy evening in January when we were entertained by Heather Baxter, the General Manager of the Royal Ballet, at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

Her talk gave us a fascinating insight into a day in the life of the prima ballerina, Marianela Nunez. We marvelled at the obvious discomfort of the ballet shoes and the intricate work involved in two of the company's tutus, one worn by Aurora in "Sleeping Beauty", the other by Diamond in "Jewels". For a principle dancer it is a very disciplined life, hard on the body and with retirement facing when she reaches her late 30's.

Sheila announced the three outings for the coming year – THE COTSWOLD RIVER THAMES EXPLORER on Tuesday, 6th June; an afternoon MYSTERY TOUR with a cream tea on Thursday, 10th July and GLOUCESTER QUAYS on Friday, 18th September – so make a note of these dates in your diaries. Guests are always most welcome on all our outings and at our club meetings. Full details will be announced nearer the dates.

Our next club meeting is on Monday, 9th February at 8pm when Barbara Askew will give us an illustrated talk on THE STORY OF ELIZABETH AND PHILIP – A ROYAL MARRIAGE.

We look forward to seeing you all.

Hazel Vickery.
563977.

Naphill Evening W.I.

Happy New Year to everyone!

We started our year with an inspirational talk by Ken Brazier on Climbing Kilimanjaro Age 67.

February brings "Fag Ends and Frustration", which I believe is a talk by a police officer.

Talking of 'Fags', the Food Appreciation Group has decided to be known just as the Food Group in future. Their first two outings are lunch at the Black Horse, Lacey Green on 27 January and lunch at The Gate, Bryants Bottom on 26th February. They also have an excellent and varied programme of lunches, cream teas and evening meals for the rest of the year.

The Craft Group have been having a break, but will meet soon. If anyone has any ideas of a project for them, please let Carol Gilliam or Marion Lawrence know. Talking of Marion, I know she is trying to organise a theatre trip for us in the near future.

2015 is the Centenary of the National Federation of Women's Institutes as well as the 95th anniversary of the Buckinghamshire Federation and there will be lots of special events this year, including a day out at Waddesdon Manor and a celebration meal.

So, lots to look forward to.

Carol Gilliam.

RAF High Wycombe

As we say at RAF High Wycombe "out with the old and in with the new!" During 2015 we look forward to the demolition of the old Community Centre opposite Naphill & Walters Ash Primary School to make way for some much needed extra parking spaces. Hopefully this will alleviate the need for parents to park on the Main Road whilst they are dropping off and picking up their children from the school.

Unfortunately we are also about to say goodbye to Group Captain Frank Clifford, Station Commander who will complete his two year stint at RAF High Wycombe in March. During his time here he has overseen so many positive community development initiatives ranging from the expansion of the gymnasium, the relocation of our indoor softplay 'Little Lambusters', the demolition of the old community centre, to the development of the 0-19 children and young people's hub due to open later this year.

RAF High Wycombe personnel were honoured to attend a 'Reception for Armed Forces Personnel returning from Operations' with the Chairman of Buckinghamshire County Council, Mr Zahir Mohammed at County Hall.

Although the Operational tempo has slowed somewhat we still have several personnel Out Of Area and our focus is on supporting their families whilst their relatives are away. The Community Support Team are busy arranging various morale boosting events and outings which include Sunday Lunches and days out to the coast.

Our Airplay Youth Project goes from strength to strength offering youth activities for children and young people aged 8-19 and the Oakeshott Centre remains a very busy community hub, hosting Rainbows, Brownies, Jujitsu, Toddler Groups and much more. RAF High Wycombe wishes everyone a healthy and prosperous 2015.



Danielle Bowman

Parking on Pavements

I read Stan Jones' article in the December Gazette with interest and I note that narrow roads were mentioned. Main Road is not a narrow road but it does have narrow pavements. I notice that many cars park on the pavement making it difficult for pedestrians to pass. Why do these people obstruct the pavements, in Lacey Green nobody parks on the pavements except just a few near the shop. Please do NOT park on the pavement on Main Road. Parking on the road will also slow the traffic down which should appeal to many people in the village.

Get your cameras out and take photos of offending vehicles and send them to the neighbourhood police officer. We can get rid of this menace.

A Main Road resident
Contact details available upon request

Tennis Club

In spite of several frosty mornings, we have so far continued to play tennis more or less as usual this winter. The lure of fresh air and exercise - or is it the friendly faces and cup of coffee? - have produced a regular turn-out at Club sessions.

Our annual newsletter giving details of our 2015 programme will be available from early March. There will be special rates for New Members and more Improvers' Coaching for members and non-members. Further details to follow.



Jenny Tench

From Our New Advertising Manager

Hi all,

I would like to thank the NAWAG team for their warm welcome. I feel privileged to now be a part of the team. It feels great to get involved in the great community we all live in and I look forward to fulfilling the role of Advertising Manager, as I take over from Alan, who has done a fantastic job for so long.

I have a few hobbies and interests which include football, rock climbing, surfing, playing bass guitar, drinking real ale beer and gardening.

A new advertising year is coming around and I would kindly ask that any amendments that need to be made to adverts are sent through to us. The deadline for this is 8th February which gives us time to finalise the adverts. These will then be sent by PDF to all advertisers for a final check. There is currently a waiting list for the new year, but we are still taking bookings so please do not hesitate to contact me.



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Our Current Advertising Price List

Feature Advertising Rates for 10 Editions		
	Greyscale	Colour
1/8 page A4	£45	£85
1/4 page A4	£85	£170
1/2 page A4	£170	£330
Full page A4	POA	POA

Small Advertising Rates	
Cost per single edition	£5
Cost for 5 editions in advance	£20
Cost for 10 editions in advance	£35

WHY?

If you have a squeamish disposition you had better stop reading this now.

Queen Victoria, on being informed that she shared a common ancestry with a monkey, is reported to have been "not amused". She would have been even less amused had she learned that she had ten times as many bacteria in her body as human cells. And what goes for queens goes for the rest of us. Yes, the boffins have been at it again and have calculated the number of bacteria we are carrying around at about 100 trillion, that's a 100 million million million or 100,000,000,000,000,000,000 or 10^{20} . That's quite a lot. Most of them are in our stomachs and small intestines where they do a great job in helping us to digest our food. There are probably 180 species on the skins of our upper arms and hundreds of species in the large intestine. They are everywhere. There is no point in trying to wash them off – we need them. We humans are perambulating ecosystems. We depend on them and they depend on us. So we have to keep them happy. We have to feed them with what they need or there will be trouble. Which brings me round to modern diets, something I have touched upon in earlier articles.

About 2% of the food we eat in the UK is organic. That means that 98% is not organic and contains all manner of residues from pesticides, herbicides, fertilisers and possibly hormones. The long-term effects of consuming these chemicals are not known, nor are the effects of consuming cocktails of these chemicals. So our 1020 bacteria are at risk.

Now back to the title of this article, "Why?". Why do we lucky few grow our own vegetables and fruit in our gardens and on our allotments? Apart from the monetary aspect and the great benefit of eating really fresh food, there is the possibility of eating truly organic food. Food sold under the organic label in shops can have been sprayed by up to seven different chemicals by the farmer and still meet "organic" criteria. United States regulations permit 38 different synthetic materials to be included in organic food and for the food still to carry the "organic" label. The proportion of synthetic material can rise as high as 5%. As for genetically-modified organisms (GMOs), the EU regulation states that crops can still retain the "organic" label even if they contain genetically-modified material – so long as the proportion of genetically-modified material does not exceed 0.9%. That may be being realistic but it makes a mockery of the label "organic" as something supposedly wholesome and pure.

The average person in western Europe carries at least 30 man-made chemicals in his or her body. Isn't that horrifying? We did not intend to ingest those chemicals and we certainly did not vote for them. By growing our own food we can attempt to avoid those 30 chemicals - to protect ourselves and our 10^{20} bacteria. But also, we can tackle an even more fundamental problem – nutrition.

It has been estimated that one third of the people in the UK are suffering from malnutrition. It could be one

third of the readers of this article. I hope it isn't me. It is very difficult to detect when someone is suffering from malnutrition, but when one goes down with a recognised medical complaint it could be found, only at that point, that malnutrition was a contributory factor. Severe deficiency of vitamins or trace elements can lead to specific complaints, such as children being born to iodine-deficient mothers often having a low IQ. The cost to the NHS in the UK of dealing with poor dietary habits is £6 billion each year – much higher than the annual cost of smoking which is put at £1.5 billion. One of my personal pet theories, with so many overweight people around, is that they are not finding adequate amounts of vitamins and trace elements in their food so are compensating by eating more and that is a contributory factor to the plague of galloping obesity afflicting the nation. Obesity in adults was predicted to rise by 38% between 2003 and 2010 – hence the word “plague”.

So, in our gardens and on our allotments, how can we improve the situation with regard to nutrition? Initially, our soil may be impoverished. British farmland has lost about 40% of its trace elements since the Second World War, probably because trace elements have been taken up by the crops and not fully replaced by the return of compost and manure. Between 1980 and 1995 the percentage of soils classed as low in organic matter in the UK rose from 35 to 42 %, mainly because of the overuse of fertilisers and pesticides and the failure to apply enough compost and manure. Our gardens and allotments may have been farmland or may be impoverished for other reasons. The answer, therefore, is to ask a local farmer to deliver large quantities of farmyard manure every year and then to apply it progressively around our vegetable and fruit plots so that, after say three years, all areas have been covered and the first areas can be covered again in the fourth year. What this means is that the precious trace elements from the farmer's fields will be imported into our gardens and allotments together with humus to improve our soil so that our plants can thrive – and contain plenty of trace elements for ourselves and our 10^20 dependants.

Of course, by looking after number one in this way we

are being rather selfish. What about the rest of the population who eat supermarket food? All we can do is to draw their attention to the problem in the hope that public pressure will, one day, force the politicians to do something about the situation. Pass this article on!

So, now that you have read this article, why not eat a nice juicy and hopefully truly organic apple, and think of the 10^20 mouths you have to feed. Perhaps you have never thought of yourself as one huge perambulating ecosystem!

Mike Mason

Editorial Comment: Himself would surely say “Oh here she goes again! She always has to have the last word!”. Perhaps there is an element of truth in this. Editing the Gazette is done over the month but the few days before the copy deadline and the days before the final PDF goes to PKinPrint for printing, are always especially busy. Now please do not misunderstand me! I love doing this job and because I am physically disabled, I sometimes feel that this is my personal window on the world and so, as I finish each edition, it becomes a time for reflection.

Every month I marvel at our beautiful front cover and remember how grateful I am for the skills and talents of Richard Holroyd. There would be no magazine without the articles, the photographs and of course the advertisements and as always, my thanks to all our contributors.

Currently my fellow Gussetteers are “run off of their feet” organising the advertisements for the coming year. The Gazette relies on our advertising revenue which helps reduce the cost of our magazine to our subscribers. Personally, I find our advertisers so useful! They are a call away be it a new conservatory or tiling the floor to the smaller jobs like getting my hair done or bathing the Chihuahuas, they personally don't consider this a minor job of course. Thankfully all these things and many more are in the Gazette advertisements. Please support our advertisers.

The month ahead is busy for us all. We will be updating the current advertisements and setting the new ones. Finally, I look forward to receiving all the items for the March Gazette by 15 February and sharing these with you next month.

Sonia

PIN UP DIARY DATES

February

4th February	FONC Short Walk
	Wheel Curry Night
13th February	FONC Open Meeting Naphill Village Hall 7.30pm
14th February	Valentine's Day - See local Pub reports for special meals
16th February	FONC Longer Walk
17th February	Saint Patrick's Day
19th February	The Wheel Burger Night
24th February	Network Business Meeting Bon Ami 8.30am-10.30am
26th February	W.I. Food Group at The Gate

March

4th March	FONC Short Walk
6th March	Horticultural Society Dinner and Entertainment Naphill Village Hall 7.15pm
7th March	Brownie Jumble Sale 1.30pm Village Hall
16th March	Horticultural Society A.G.M. Naphill Village Hall 7.30pm

A photograph of a forest with tall, thin trees. Sunlight is streaming through the canopy, creating a hazy, golden glow. The ground is covered in fallen leaves. The text "Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette" is overlaid in white at the top.

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Naphill and Walter's Ash Clubs and Organisations

Club or Organisation	Meeting Day	Location	Contact
Adult Ballet	Wednesdays 6.15-7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Pam Sheen 716384
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30-6.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6 -7.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 700-8.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30-11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Walter's Ash	
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45-10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	RAF Walter's Ash	Phil Crawford 07500 007644
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Mondays 4.45-8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Elaine Tucker 816539 07974 121081 elainetuckeret@aol.com
	Tuesdays 3.30-7.30pm		
	Wednesdays 3.45-6.15pm		
Friends of Naphill Common (FONC)	Various	Various	Trevor Hussey 563767
Good Companions	First Thursday every month	Hughenden Village Hall	Sheila Veysey 562332
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7-8.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8-9pm	Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
Jujitsu	Monday Evening	RAF Walter's Ash	Holly 07957 727054
Line Dancing	Tuesdays 8-9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wilmot 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile Library	Wednesday 10.55-11.30am 11.35 -11.55am 12.05 -12..20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month 7.45 for 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Naphill Women's Fellowship	Wednesday afternoons 2pm	Methodist Church	Betty Jones 564489
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30 and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Wednesdays 7.30pm		
	Thursdays 5.45pm		
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30 -9.15pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillscouts@aol.com
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1, until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays 1.30pm	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david @tvemf.org Sarah Dengel 563706 sarahdengel1@gmail.com Jenny Tench 565406 jtench@gmail.com
	Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am		
	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.30pm		
	Fridays 5-7.30pm Saturday 9-10am		
Junior Coaching - Summer school term-only			
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8.00-10.00pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah Bacon 563479
Viper Explorer Scouts	Fridays 7.30-9.30pm	Scouts & Guide Hut Naphill	Richard Adams 07782 328148 richard@dams.me.uk
Yoga Stretch and Tone	Tuesdays 1.30-2.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
WI	3rd Thursday in month 7.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jenny Price 563001

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Editorial

I never cease to be amazed at how kind, considerate and at times, in my case, how forgiving people in our villages are! Just today I was at the Crick and struggling to get my trolley out of my car. As so often happens, a kind person approached and offered a helping hand. The lady explained that sometimes she hesitates to offer help for fear of offending the person concerned. I was quick to thank her and to say that I was very grateful and never refused such kindness. I do understand that physically disabled people value their independence, but surely, if you do not want the help offered you should refuse politely.

From the car I made my way to one of my favourite village 'stop offs' for coffee. Our Village Hall Committee have made enormous strides in making our village hall accessible to everybody. We have disabled parking facilities with another bay earmarked, a ramped access to the hall, a dedicated toilet, a hearing loop is being put in but the access to what was the sports pavilion and is now a cafe is difficult to negotiate on a rollator! A ramped access to this facility would be much appreciated please and it would enable physically disabled people to enjoy the hospitality and delights of the cafe without a struggle to enter.

On the subject of forgiveness, I often require some of this, the Napfest is of course is back in June. I trust that nobody turned out in the February snow to attend the Napfest. I apologise for my error in the February Gazette. I had possibly concentrated too much on making an appropriate border for the article rather than my typing skills. The Napfest Committee are in full organisational mode and I am sure we are all looking forward to this special village weekend.

As I mentioned last month, our treasurer, Mike Pool and our advertising manager, Chris da Rocha, ably assisted and encouraged by our retiring advertising manager, Alan Lewis, have been working tirelessly to assemble the advertisements for this year. I should like to thank all our advertisers, old and new, for their support. We are now able to include another page of colour advertisements. If any of our advertisers would like to upgrade their advertisements to colour, and indeed for all advertising requirements, I would request that you contact Chris da Rocha, who I know will be happy to help you.

This month Mike Pool, our treasurer, has published the Gazette annual financial report and David Kidger, our webmaster, has contributed an article about our website. I once again thank all my gallant Gussetteers

for their for their hard work and contributions to the magazine.



Sonia Goby

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Naphill and Walter's Ash Website

You may, or may not know, that Naphill and Walter's Ash have a website.

As designing and building websites is both my hobby and business, when I moved to Naphill in 2009 I had the idea of creating a website which I would have liked to see if I was thinking of moving into the area. Working with the then Editor of the Gazette, Judy Whitehouse, we set about putting together a site which would hopefully serve as a good reference for new and existing residents alike.

Over the years we've slowly added to the website, and if you visit www.naphill.org.uk today you'll find a site with a number of, we hope, useful features.

The home page changes to show seasonal pictures through the year, and is a quick space where you can see the latest news from the Gazette's Twitter account, upcoming events and a search of local businesses.

The Village Life section contains a list of clubs and societies - something we do try to keep up to date, but do let us know if anything has changed! The Gazette section has a bit of background on the Gazette itself, as well as information on advertising, and a very extensive archive of back-issues, dating right back to March 1937 - all downloadable should you wish to glance back at articles from yesteryear.

There are dedicated pages for upcoming events and an expanded News area if you want to see what has been posted over the past few weeks. The useful links page has information on attractions in the area, transport information links, and more.

Around the website you'll see a little promotion for the 'Your Photos' area, which is a place where anyone can submit their images of the villages and have them displayed on the site's gallery. All that is needed is a free Flickr account, and to join the Naphill and Walter's Ash group - there are over 50 images on there already if you want to take a look.

We have received some interesting enquiries over the years - from individuals researching family history, to people who have found the website a useful resource having just moved into the village.

As the site is run on a completely voluntary basis, we try to keep it as up to date, and add new features as/when we can - but you can hopefully tell that we feel there is a lot for people to explore on there today, and we always value any feedback or suggestions if you want to get in touch.

David Kidger - Webmaster
www.naphill.org.uk

Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette Financial Statement 2014-2015					
INCOME	31-Jan-14	31-Jan-15	EXPENDITURE	31-Jan-14	31-Jan-15
Adverts	£7,795.00	£16,127.50	Printing	£8,632.49	£11,452.50
Christmas Ads		£420.00	Web Site		£240.00
Collections	£2,649.84	£2,763.49	Stationery	£35.52	£93.58
Donations	£490.00	£600.00	Software for Editor	£314.60	
Interest	£1.35	£1.46	Petrol for Distribution	£30.00	£30.00
			Christmas Cards	£109.98	£61.20
TOTALS	£10,936.19	£19,912.45		£9,119.69	£11,877.28
			Surplus	£1,816.50	£8,035.17

Treasurer's Report for year ending - 31 Jan 2015

I took on the role of treasurer in July 2014 and would like to thank the outgoing treasurer, Ian Banks, for the smooth hand over.

We have seen a number of changes these past few months with Alan Lewis stepping down as Advertising Manager and this job being taken on by Chris Da Rocha. One thing we instigated was to invoice advertisers earlier, before Alan left us, making the role of our new man a little easier, and to get payments banked before the end of our financial year.

This has worked out quite well with the majority of our regular advertisers paying up promptly. What this has meant is that our income from advertising is far more than last year as most of the 2014 advertisers did not pay their dues until after the start of the financial year.

Another significant change has been a sharp increase in printing costs resulting from our editor's introduction of more coloured pages. This has resulted in a far more attractive magazine which, I am sure, our readers are enjoying.

Because of our healthy financial situation we have not had to increase the advertising charges and do not see any need to increase the contributions made by you this year, which will remain at £3.00. Your volunteer deliverer will be coming round, armed with the collection tin with the April edition of the Gazette, to collect your money, so please have it ready for them.

By the way, I am still helping Pauline with distributing the Gazette to the delivery team as she can't manage the job on her own.



Mike Pool
Treasurer

20 mph in Walter's Ash & Naphill

With road safety in mind, the Res. Assn. has been asked to sound out local opinion on a possible reduced speed limit along all or some of New Road / Main

Road, including top of Bradenham Woods Lane.

(1) Suggested start and end points for a 20 mph speed limit are:-

A. Greenwood, Walter's Ash to Coombe Lane, past Post Office.

B. Greenwood, WA, to Clappins Lane, past school and shops/garage.

C. Greenwood, WA, to Louches Lane, Naphill, past Village Hall and Crick.

D. No 20 mph stretch at all.

Please tell me what you think either by writing a note or cutting out and filling in the little form below, putting a ring round A,B,C or D, and posting it to Gloria Leflaive, 7 Wellhouse Way, Naphill, Bucks. HP14 4QP, or putting it in my letter box

Name:

Address and Phone No.

20mph. My choice is A. B. C. D

Alternatively you can phone me or leave a message on 01494 563634, with your name, address and choice A, B,C or D. or visit the naphill.org.uk website and click on the questionnaire link <http://t.co/GOKdcreQpK> under News.

(2) If you would like further information or wish to propose a different stretch of road you can also email me on glorialeflaive@msn.com.

Gloria Leflaive
563634

NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS COUNCIL

It is amazing the number of maintenance jobs that we need to get done before we can start to spend money on upgrading the facilities at the Hall, from tuning the piano, filling in the gaps in the hedge alongside the road, to replacing broken tiles on the roof to mention just a few. However we are determined to upgrade our facilities and have taken on board all your suggestions, some of which we are able to action shortly whilst others will have to wait a little while longer.

Top of our list is to install a hearing loop in the hall and have accepted a quote to get this work done. At the same time they will sort out the CD system and put in something that is Bluetooth and iPod compatible. We have also asked for a quote for installing a hearing loop in the small hall and will let you know how that goes.

Other jobs are marking out a third disabled parking space alongside the current two and putting up another handrail to make access to the small hall from the kitchen easier. We are purchasing a new fridge freezer and the carpet in the entrance hall is due to be laid in half term. We are also getting quotes to replace the warming cupboard in the kitchen.

The willow tunnel in the play area is in need of regular pruning and tying back and this is becoming beyond the budget of Hughenden Parish Council who have been responsible for its maintenance up to now. They have asked us if we can find some volunteers to help with this. They will be given thorough training on how best to prune and tie back the tunnel, how regularly and at what time of year it needs doing. Could you help us with this? It will obviously only be for a few hours over the year but it is sad to see the tunnel becoming so overgrown. If you feel that you could help then please contact Peter Williams, one of our parish councillors, on 565695.

The results of the Parish Council Questionnaire will be available shortly. Well done to you all, Naphill had the highest response in the Parish.

On a final note, you will probably all have noticed the deliberate mistake in the date of Napfest in last month's Gazette. It is only a week earlier than usual, on the 5th to the 7th JUNE and not months earlier in February!! Make sure you get the correct date in your diaries.



Sarah Bacon,
Chairman Naphill Village Hall
and Playing Fields Council

Running/Jogging Partner Required!

I am looking for a complete beginner running/jogging partner to meet twice a week (evenings) in Naphill village to run/jog. The more the merrier!

Jemma
jemma.arnold@hotmail.co.uk

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning Applications to 10th February 2015

15/05260/CLP Woodlyn, Downley Road, Naphill. Certificate of lawfulness for proposed construction of single storey pitched roof extension & detached pitched roof garage. **15/05235/FUL** 16 Braeside, Naphill. Householder application for construction of new hard surfaced driveway across common land at rear of property, single storey extension and alterations to existing garage and proposed single storey rear porch (part retrospective). (Objection to new hard surfaced driveway across Naphill Common land). **15/05058/FUL** Burnhams, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement 4 bed dwelling.

Decisions

Refused: 14/08101/FUL Witches Moon, Stocking Lane, Naphill. HA for construction of part two storey rear (following part demolition of existing conservatory), part first floor rear / side extension and erection of detached outbuilding (garden room) to rear garden.

Permitted: 14/08191/FUL 14 Vincents Way, Naphill. HA for construction of extensions to existing rear dormer. **14/08125/FUL** 41 & 42 Ash Close Walters Ash. HA for construction of single attached garages for both properties. **14/08010/FUL** Woodlyn, Downley Road, Naphill. HA for construction of bay window and porch canopy to front, first floor front extension and construction of 2 x front and 2 x rear dormer windows, insertion of rooflight to front and rear roofslope and construction of two storey rear extension. **14/07930/FUL** 7 Main Road, Naphill HA for construction of single storey side extension, canopy to side and convert half of existing garage to form utility room. **14/07452/FUL** The Hedgerow, Parkwood, Walters Ash. Change of use of land for use of horses, erection of detached stables/washroom building & creation of hard standing (part retrospective). (Objection. As a first step a Formal Complaint to WDC since the permission granted does not comply with the Inspectorate's suggested condition that, ".....all caravans, buildings, structures, materials and equipment brought on to the land, or works undertaken to it in connection with the use shall be removed and the land restored to its condition before the development took place.")

ELECTION

Electoral Register

Advice from Wycombe District Council

You can only vote in the elections of 7th May 2015 if you are on the Electoral Register. If you are not, WDC advise that you go on line at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote There you will find an application form you can fill in on line. Your application must reach the Electoral Services Dept. WDC no later than 20th April 2015.

If you have a problem with this you can ring WDC on 01494 421223 for advice no later than 20th April 2015.

Postal Vote

Go to www.gov.uk/register-to-vote Deadline to apply

for a postal vote is 5pm Tuesday 21st April 2015. This is also the deadline for making any changes to existing postal votes. If you wish to make a change to an existing postal vote you will have to ring 01494 421223 no later than 21st April.

Your Parish Needs You. See the excellent article by the HPC Clerk.

Date of next meeting. 8pm Thursday, 12th March, 2015. Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive
563634

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU! BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

In May 2015 Hughenden Parish has the opportunity to elect a new parish council. For you that means that as a resident of the Parish you might like to consider standing, upholding democracy and helping make the Parish a better place.

You do not have to be a member of any political party. Indeed on the contrary good parish councils are concerned with local community matters and not politics. Parish councils are democracy on your doorstep and the following might help you to understand what being a parish councillor means on a daily basis and to encourage you to stand for election.

What is a Parish Council?

There is a common misunderstanding that parish councils are something to do with church administration - they are not. Parish councils are the elected first layer of local government and, as such, are closest to the electors. The next levels are the district (Wycombe District Council) and county (Buckinghamshire County Council). Parish councils are funded by a precept (that is an amount levied on the council tax you pay and for this Parish is currently a total of £177280 p.a.) and take responsibility for a whole range of local matters and community needs, such as allotments, playgrounds and the maintenance of local facilities under the council's control including recreation grounds, a cemetery, woods, ponds and bus shelters. Beyond this, they identify, support and manage local project initiatives and can fund grants to local organisations such as youth clubs and charities. Parish councils are consulted by the district council over matters such as planning applications in the parish

Hughenden Parish Council is one of the largest rural parish councils in the county, is divided into 4 wards (Great Kingshill, Hughenden Valley, Naphill/Walters Ash and Widmer End) and is made up of up to 15 elected councillors.

Why become a Parish Councillor?

By becoming a parish councillor you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support. A community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve. Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped make, is

something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride. The role is a voluntary and unpaid one.

Anyone, from any background, who is eligible can be a Parish Councillor. Groups made up of diverse individuals tend to make better informed decisions. So it is important that councils have councillors who not only reflect and represent the communities they serve, but also have a broad range of skills and life experience. You don't have to be highly educated at all or have a trade or profession. Skills gained through raising a family, caring for a sick or disabled relative, volunteering or being active in faith or community groups can be just as valuable.

How much time does it take up?

Hughenden Parish Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month for its monthly full council meeting, to which members of the public are always invited. Meetings may last two or three hours, depending on the agenda set for the meeting to discuss. In addition you may be expected to be a member of at least one of the council's three standing committees to deal with specific subjects, such as finance, planning or environmental issues. In addition to these regular meetings you may be required to attend other meetings representing the council such as acting as a representative on a residents association. These meetings won't happen every day, so it's not going to take over your life but on average you may need to spend 3 or 4 hours each week and maybe a bit more. Obviously there are some councillors who spend more time than this – and some less, but in the main, being a parish councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community and helping to make it a better place to live and work. Council meetings are always held in the evening – as are most meetings of the other groups which councillors attend on the Council's behalf

What do parish councillors do?

Councillors have three main areas of work:

1. Decision-making: through attending meetings and committees with other elected members, councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.
2. Monitoring: councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.
3. Getting involved locally: as local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their parishioners and local organisations. This often depends on what the councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available.

Training can be had and you get great support from the Parish Clerk and his staff.

How long does a parish councillor serve for?

Once elected, parish councillors sit on the council for a maximum of four years. If they then want to stay in the post they can stand for re-election.

Am I eligible to be a Parish Councillor?

To stand for election on a parish council, you must:

- be a UK or commonwealth citizen, or;
- be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, or;
- be a citizen of another Member state of the European Union;
- be a least 18 years old.

To be eligible to stand for an election for a particular parish, you must

- be an elector of the parish, or;
- for the whole of the previous 12 months have occupied (as owner or tenant) land or other premises in the parish, or;
- during the previous 12 months have worked in the parish (as your principal or only place of work), or;
- for the whole of the previous 12 months lived in the parish or within three miles of the parish boundary.

Interested?

The best way to find out what it's like to be a Parish Councillor is to telephone or meet with me as the Parish Clerk or talk to someone who's doing it now. Come along to a parish council meeting, speak to one of the councillors and find out what they think of the job.

If you want to become a parish councillor there are two things you need to do: get yourself nominated and get voted in at the election. If you choose not to stand as councillor please urge someone else to do so and remember to vote in any case. For further information, please contact Peter Wetherman, Clerk to the Hughenden Parish Council 01494 715296, Clerk@hughendenpc.org.uk. Website: www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk

Naphill Brownies

As winter moves into spring, the brownies have been taking the opportunity to do their 'Seasons' badge. The dark evenings of winter have allowed us to look at the stars and make reflective bag tags to keep us visible in the dark. We prepared some very messy birdcake to help the birds to survive the winter and we planted bulbs, which are just starting to grow.

As well as making cake for the birds we have been making some yummy things for us to eat too. We cooked little pancakes on an up-turned tin over a candle, complete with melted chocolate buttons to finish them off. We also made 'armpit' fudge – very tasty even if it sounds disgusting!

We have been looking more closely at the new brownie programme - our 'Brownie Adventure'. This focuses on learning about 'Me' (fingerprints & beliefs), the 'Community' (sign language and jumble sale) and our 'World' (spring watch). This is a work in progress but it is making us think about the everyday things we do.

With community in mind, I hope you have all been collecting up your jumble for us. The Brownies and

Guides Jumble Sale takes place on Saturday 7th March. The sale starts at 1:30pm. I hope to see you all there.

Brown Owl (Ruth Daly)
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Friends of Naphill Common

Thank you to all those who managed to get to our open meeting and AGM. Due to unavoidable reasons I could not attend but I have heard good reports. We thank Charles Kent for a very good talk which generated a lot of questions and discussion. Thanks also to John Shaw who told us about the Chiltern Rangers who will be doing work on the Common and to Marian Miller for her display of historical records.

We have a new committee and a new chairman. The committee is now:-

Chris Miller	Chairman and short walks leader
Sheila Draper	Secretary
Peggy Ewart	Treasurer
Lynn McMinn	Membership Secretary
Peter Davis	Web Master
Marek Pawlik	
Ron Collins	Long walks leader
Neil McMinn	
John Camp	
Kevin Bennett	
Philip Hussey	
Trevor Hussey	

As the retiring Chairman I would like to thank all of these good folk for what they will do over the coming year, and the past committee members including Steve Roderick, Stephanie Morgan, David Greenwood and Daisy Leek for all the work they did during the past years as we struggled to build the Friends of Naphill Common. There is another person who must be thanked – Rachel Sanderson of the Chilterns Commons Project whose help has been invaluable.

Wessex Woodland Management, which is undertaking the felling on the Common, has contacted us to say that they intend returning soon to finish removing the felled trees and to mulch the tops which are left in heaps at present. They are going to try to repair the deeply rutted bridleways and finish other tasks around the ponds and the juniper. The exact date is not known at the time of writing but we have a meeting with them soon. I know that there are mixed feelings about the felling and its effect upon the Common but given that the Friends of Naphill Common had no official status we have been gratified by the way the company has consulted and cooperated with us. We hope that this will continue and that we can ensure that the Common eventually emerges with as little damage as possible and even some improvements such as wider paths and glades and with the ponds open to sunlight.

Our walks continue. Ron Collins leads the longer walks of about five miles (2½ to 3 hours) on the third Monday of each month and the dates are as follows:

16th March, 20th April, 18th May, 15th June, 20th July, 17th Aug, 21st Sept, 19th Oct, 16th Nov and 21st Dec. Meet at the Village Hall at 9.25am for a start at 9.30am sharp. Chris Miller leads our short walks (2 to 3 miles) starting at 10.30am from the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month. Our working parties, organised by Peter Davis, will continue to open up the paths and clear scrub.

In this month we should see spring well underway. Let us hope that it brings in a good year. With less disruption on the Common (felling will start again in 2016) we may see the ground flora begin to recover and animals and birds return. I hope to see nuthatches, tree creepers and even hawfinches as well as such summer visitors as chiffchaffs, willow warblers and, if we are very lucky, wood warblers. Blackcaps have been around all winter so they should be nesting in the brambles. Perhaps it will be the year ravens take up residence: they sometimes fly over but I don't think they have nested.

Many thanks for those who have supported us over the last year and even more thanks to those who have joined again this year. If you have not but would like to, please contact the membership secretary Lynn Mc-Minn 01494 564667. Membership only costs £5.

Trevor Hussey.

Hughenden Parish Council Report

The current Council's time is drawing to a close as the elections loom on 7th May. No one can say it hasn't been challenging. The fraud, three different clerks, internal strife, AfLP. Enough for a new JK Rowling novel. But it has also been rewarding and over the last four years, we have improved systems, trimmed costs, brought in the Vehicle Activated speed signs, carried out a Parish-wide survey and funded a lot of local community projects. Some might wonder at the benefit of a Parish Council when the concept of localism that we hoped would give us more opportunity at a local level to influence our living environment, seems to have been handily forgotten soon after the last General Election. Tightened County and District budgets seem to lead to even less notice being taken of community views and it seems unlikely to change after the forthcoming election whichever party or coalition is successful. But that doesn't take away from the fundamental principle of local democracy and without Parish Councils, local communities have little voice. Despite the fact that you hear little about the Council unless a new scandal blows up, beneath the surface, Councillors work hard to keep this Parish the wonderful place that it is. The feature that received an almost unanimous vote in the questionnaire for the best part of living in this area was the beautiful countryside. With Government seemingly intent on undermining that and Wycombe District Planning Department seeming to do their best to support them, the Parish Council is the only local body that can truly represent public feeling.

So we would ask you to think about whether you can help to fight those battles and ensure that the Parish

Council operates through democratically elected mandate by putting yourself forward for election. HPC is having an open evening at Naphill Village Hall on 17th April when you can find out more. The elections are on the 7th May and we hope we will get a good turnout to ensure that whoever is voted in is done so with a proper mandate.

We have talked at length about the allotments and the AfLP in the past. The latest in the saga is that the transfer has been delayed whilst the Charities Commission deal with a number of objections to the terms of the Scheme. We hoped to have the results of the questionnaire for this issue but have not had them in time for publication. Apologies for the delay, but they will definitely be included in the April Gazette.

*Phil Conran, Roger Beavil
Dennis Hackling, Peter Williams*

Naphill Neighbours

Two years ago in February 2013 thick snow meant we had to cancel our club meeting and wait until February 2015 to hear all about "Elizabeth and Philip – A Royal Marriage". It proved to be a most interesting and enjoyable talk and was well worth the long wait.

Here is an additional date for your diaries – we have decided to arrange another outing, this time on Wednesday 15 April, to St Albans. Please note that the date has been changed from that announced at our February meeting in order to avoid clashing with the WI's monthly meeting. Names will be taken at our meeting on Monday 9 March.

On the subject of outings – my apologies for typos on the dates of those published in last month's Gazette. They should read The Cotswold River Thames Explorer, Tuesday 2 June and Mystery Tour, Thursday 30 July. Just to confuse matters further – we have changed our plans slightly, so this afternoon outing will no longer be a mystery tour – we will now be going to Millets Farm, followed by a cream tea at the Waterfront Café near Benson. Further details nearer the date.

Our next club meeting is on Monday 9 March, when Mr Malcom North will be entertaining us with his talk "The Story of an English Concertina".

We look forward to seeing you at all the above events.

Hazel Vickery
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Naphill Horticultural Society

If you have not yet booked to come along to our Annual Dinner on March 6th, pick up the phone right away- I might just be able to squeeze you in!!

Main Event Cuisine are doing the catering for us again and after dinner we will be entertained by local singer Chris Weeks performing a selection of classic (not classical!) songs, so we are in for another fabulous evening.

Full details are in last month's Gazette.

As I'm sure you have noticed, Spring is just round the corner, so the gardens are waking up and preparing to brighten our lives with all the Spring bulbs and shrubs. They will all be very grateful for a good feed though, so don't forget to go round the garden giving everything a generous dose of slow release fertiliser (it doesn't matter which you use, as the plants can't read!!).

It is always nice to be planning for colour in the Summer, and help is at hand in the form of our Plant Sale, which this year is on Saturday May 16th, and will be the perfect opportunity for you to buy some new plants or replacements for those that have not survived the winter.

If you are terribly well organised and thinking ahead to planting seeds, or dividing perennials that have survived, how about nurturing some extra plants that you could then sell in May?

Lastly, a reminder that our AGM takes place on Monday 16th March in the Small Hall, starting at 8.00pm. You are more than welcome to come along and air your views or raise questions – we would love to see you. The meeting doesn't usually last more than an hour. Alternatively, if you have any suggestions or ideas, but cannot make the meeting, please feel free to phone me and I will pass on your comments.

Cathryn Carter
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Naphill Scouts

It has been a busy first half term of the year for Naphill Scouts. We have welcomed seven new recruits from across the local villages.

At the start of January on the coldest night of the year, we had our winter cookout in the woods. Successful fires were lit by all patrols and many a tasty bacon buttie was cooked

We have also had our annual Bus'n'Bowl. This is a trip by public transport to the bowling alley in Wycombe

where a competitive nights bowling ensues. This was won by Ben Adams, who managed to achieve a "turkey".

The promise challenge has been our main badge for this half term. This concentrates on getting the scouts to develop their own code of conduct. They are encouraged to develop teamwork skills and to realise the importance of the scouting ethos.



We brought the half term to a close with a night hike in the local woods which was much enjoyed by all

Adrian Curtis
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Shear Madness

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

Four years ago we opened the shop with a bang. We cordoned off the car park with police tape and we had a Blues Brothers tribute act playing. People came from far and wide to find out what all the noise was about (apologies to Ash Close, Burdet Drive and Woodcock). It was a great day with cake and Buck's Fizz and we got to meet everyone for the first time. Four years on you have all become firm friends and it's a pleasure knowing you all. Sadly things have changed, I've lost my best friend. We worked together for 8 hours a day, 5 days a week, 52 weeks a year for the best part of 20 years and I miss her dearly. So now it's down to me to carry on the craziness and I'll try my best not to disappoint you all !!

So I thank you one and all for all your help, love and support, it's nice to know that we are loved by the community and that we are not "just another shop"



Mandy



Napfest 5th-7th June 'The Wild West'



Oops, a slight date issue in the last gazette and if you noticed Napfest has been and gone by the time you read this! The article was titled as the Napfest being in February but is definitely in June!!

So we are now leading up to another exciting year, and the format for Napfest will be the same as last year:



Friday 5th June

Music on the Crick
- get your tickets early

Saturday 6th June

Fete Day 'The Wild West'
Start getting your fancy dress
organised now

Sunday 7th June



Classics on The Crick



We were so pleased with the way last year went that we will be doing it all again and hope that you will all come and join us for these three amazing days. As the months go on we will update you with prices and events for the weekend, but if you have any questions please contact us either by email nwafete@hotmail.co.uk or find Napfest on face book.

As always, to ensure the weekend is a great success, we need your support and help. We would appreciate offers of help for each of the individual days as if we don't have bodies we won't be able to run the events. We also need help with the following:

- Providing prizes for the tombola (we need over 500)!! Please leave prizes at Greenways House, Chapel Lane for Andy Pope
- The Bric-a-Brac Stall - we need good quality items to be able to sell. Contact Ian Bond 07710 869775
- You can be a sponsor and have your name on the leaflets that go out to thousands of people. If you're interested in this please email nwafete@hotmail.co.uk or contact Claire at The Wheel.
- If there are any qualified First Aiders that could help over the weekend please volunteer.
- We also require great prizes for the Grand Draw. Contact Sarah Creaser 07891 134594



If you have any suggestions, we are always open to ideas, but I would like to remind everyone that this is a Village event that helps to raise money for Naphill and Walters Ash. One of the many ideas we would like to pursue is a plant stall, so if you have green fingers and would like a challenge please let the Committee know.

We are massively excited and we hope you are too.
More information to come in April.



The Fete Committee

Picture This

I'm feeling a bit philosophical today in a 'Winnie the Pooh' kind of way. After days of splashing in my wellies through the oozing, boot-sucking, rain-filled ruts of The Common, optimistically and philosophically are the only way to think.....therefore I am.

My philosophical contemplation has led me to muse upon what happens when someone looks at a photograph - such as the cover picture which, incidentally, was made in the woods near Lower North Dean. I've come to realise that there are always two people in the photograph: you and the photographer.

'How can I be in the picture?' I hear you exclaim. 'I've never been to Lower North Dean'. (Really?!) Well, remember all that splashing I've been through this month so bear with me (and pardon the pun).

Think for a moment about the pictures you've seen of the first Lunar landing. At that point in time, you were nowhere near the Moon (I assume). But as you looked at one of those historic images, you became involved with the picture. You may have had feelings of excitement and elation - 'Wow! Autious!: the Moon looks amazing!'. You may have felt disappointment, even cynicism: 'That's not the Moon, it's a Hollywood studio!' Either way, you were involved and 'in the picture'.

The second person in the photograph, of course, is the photographer who has shown you what he or she wanted you to see - and likewise has concealed what they didn't want you to see.

So, between you, the photographer and the photograph, a unique story is created in the mind of the viewer - you. You may be intrigued by the same photograph that someone else takes at face value. You might be shocked or bemused by what others find amusing or revealing. You may suddenly recall a warm memory while someone else may feel inexplicably sad.

So back to the cover photograph. What do you feel when you look into this month's picture? What do you think the photographer wanted you to feel? Do you see and feel a sunny, bright, early spring morning or is it an alien spacecraft about to land in Naphill? Why do you like the photograph? Or, why do you not like the photograph? As you look at, notice the story it evokes in you.

Finally, to end as I began; on a deeper note. No matter what the weather or terrain underfoot, take your camera and remember those philosophically immortal words: 'I click therefore I am - a photographer.'



Richard Holroyd

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Guides & Brownies Jumble Sale

Saturday

7th March

Naphill Village Hall

1.30pm

We will be collecting items for the sale around the village on the morning of the sale, and we would also welcome any items you wish to bring to the Village Hall on the sale day.

No furniture or electrical goods please!

The Wheel

So "Dry January" was a bit of a dead loss, and some of you needed it after an indulgent December!

Last month gave Mark and I a great chance to have a week away with the dogs. We stayed in a lovely cottage in Croyde Bay, North Devon and had a lots of fantastic walks on the many beautiful beaches, and lots of great pints in other peoples pubs! It was a hard week of sleep, walks, food and beer and on that note we need to thank Chloe and our amazing team for looking after the pub while we were away.

Now talking about our brilliant staff, we had an awesome send off for Annabel and Aby on the 31 January! . The party was brilliant with so many people coming up to say their farewells and enjoy a few drinks or should I say lots of drinks! Mark and I will very much miss them but we wish them well on their travels around America.

The good news is that we now have some new team members who are already doing an amazing job. The team now is as follows:

Chloe, Chefkins, Mel, Jack, Rachael, Julia, Annabel (new), Helen aka Dave and Tom. Alongside our regular team members, we are always pleased to welcome back past staff who return to help us when necessary.

So what's coming up over the next few months..

- Rugby 6 Nations
- Mothers Day - 15th March
- St Patricks Day - 17th March
- Burger Night - 19th March

- Moto GP live - 27th March
- Easter Weekend - 3rd to 6th April
- Beer Festival - 17th and 18th April

Hopefully, out of this list of events, there will be something for all of you to come and enjoy and you are certainly assured of a warm welcome here at The Wheel!



We are also really proud to announce that we have been short listed for Camra Pub of the Year again. So if you would like to nominate us please email: chairman@swansupping.org.uk or call 07970 633952

We are truly sorry to end our article on a sad note, but we would like to say a few words about Jan Pearce who sadly passed away on 11 February.

Jan was a great customer and a good friend to us for nearly nine years, both in the pub and also in his social life. We don't think we will ever meet a more genuine and kind hearted person, he was respected by everyone who ever met him. We hope they serve a good pint up there Jan, if not there will always be one here for you. Cheers!

Claire and Mark

Naphill & Walters Ash School Report

Over the last month, our school has been doing lots of fun and exciting activities. The teachers and Junior Leadership Team (JLT) have been busy organising them and the results have been enjoyed by all!

Wear It Pink Day

A couple of weeks ago, the whole school came in wearing something pink for breast cancer. Because everyone brought in a pound, we managed to raise an amazing £515.00! The school hall looked unbelievable when we were sat in it wearing our pink paraphernalia and there was even a competition for the pinkest person! We are all so proud of what we have achieved and hope we can help save many lives.

Maths Masterclasses

Since Wednesday 4th February, some of the best mathematicians in our year 6 have been going to Wycombe High school to take part in Maths

Masterclasses. Maths Masterclasses give groups of good mathematicians from seven primary schools the opportunity to work together to discover more about maths. They will continue these sessions for another 4 weeks and they are all really looking forward to working on different mathematical challenges each week.

Animal Adventures

On Thursday 5th February we went to interview Year 2 about their "mini safari" when some animals from a zoo came for them to see and hold. They were visited by many animals to extend their learning about the animal kingdom including a baby meerkat, a gecko and a baby crocodile.



We talked to Emelia and Olly, two of the children who had enjoyed this experience, about the animals they had seen. Emelia said that she thought the baby meerkat was really cute and Olly liked the hornbill but that when the tarantula came out they thought it was very scary! All the children really enjoyed the visit and have learnt a lot more about animals!



*Daniel Hooper
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Year 6 editorial team*



FREE LENT COURSE



CHRISTIAN FAITH, CREED & GOD'S LOVE

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT LIFE'S MEANING FROM A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE, THEN THIS IS THE COURSE FOR YOU!

During Lent, at our church, we are running sessions on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm which will include some brilliant dvd talks by leading theologian Simon Ponsonby

Simon talks about faith, belief and God's love

ALL ARE WELCOME!

WEDS. 25TH FEB, 4TH MARCH, 11TH MARCH & 18TH MARCH

7.30 pm in the Church

St Michael's & All Angels Church (Hughenden Church)

Valley Road, Hughenden, High Wycombe, Bucks

(There will be a 5th Session where a film will be shown - details to follow)

Jesus described himself as The Gate, which sounds an odd name. He was thinking of the gate of a sheep-pen. He regulates the goings-out and comings-in of his sheep, his people. Without some constraints, sheep will wander in and out, sometimes at their own peril and sometimes endangering others: badgers and muntjac are bad enough on the road, but sheep are bigger!

At airports and ferries our Passport Control does its best to allow only the right people in or out. (Yes I agree they have little control over the wrong ones who have already got in or the others who escaped out!) I don't think this is the kind of gate Jesus had in mind, where his sheep would be segregated from all others. And in any case he promised them "other sheep" who would join his flock.

Jesus the Gate is the one who protects the little ones, but allows the stronger ones to go out into the world, and allows in all who properly want to enter. In spite of his church's gates, he is not mere decoration. As one who was betrayed with a kiss, Jesus's style of love is far greater than a quick peck at the kissing gate!

Maybe you don't see yourself as a gate, but some gate-characteristics are well worthwhile, as Jesus perceived.

Mike Hill

Minister for Naphill Methodist Church

St. Botolph's Services

1 March	Eucharist	11am	Rev.Jenny Ellis
8 March	Eucharist	11am	Rev.Jenny Ellis
15 March	Eucharist	11am	Rev.Jenny Ellis
22 March	Matins	11am	Rev.Nigel Lacey
29 March Palm Sunday	Eucharist	11am	Rev.Jenny Ellis

Peggy Ewart

Our Methodist Minister

A few weeks ago a new gate appeared at the top of Coombe Lane. It bears a small plaque in memory of George Smith, a good man I knew from Downley who passed away just a year ago. It's a kissing gate onto the footpath to Trees Road. I like the description of "kissing gate": the boring explanation says the gate touches (ie kisses) either gate post but is secured to neither; romantics reckon it an opportunity for a couple to pause briefly as they turn, and enjoy a quick kiss. I've rarely seen couples take such opportunity, and often such gateway is muddy and slippery, and not the best place for a delicate manoeuvre!

At the other end of our villages are the RAF entrances with gates of a different kind. Not a right of way for all and sundry, and not at all romantic. If you have the appropriate pass or papers, you're welcome. But at least the tarmac is kept clean!

Somewhere around the middle is Naphill Methodist Church on Chapel Lane, with two white wrought iron gates in the wrought iron fence, not locked, and of doubtful purpose except decorative.

Totally different is the child-gate at the top of our stairs at home. The latch is a complete mystery until you reach age 4 and realise how simple it is and no wonder how those grown-ups hardly pause as they pass through. The next stage is to learn to shut it again, for the safety of little sister!

Lent Lunches

A number of Methodist Churches nearby take it in turns to hold a "Lent Lunch" each Saturday through Lent. They are a simple "ploughman's style" meals for which no charge is made. However, a donation is asked towards a charity chosen by each church.

Lent Lunches in March

Tyler's Green Methodist Church Saturday 7th
Naphill Methodist Church on Saturday 14th
Downley Methodist Church Saturday 21st
Stokenchurch Methodist Church Saturday 28th

Do come and join us.



Best Kept Village Competition 2015

The Village Hall Council will be submitting an entry for the De Fraine Cup again this year. Naphill has been 'Highly commended' twice so perhaps it will be third time lucky!

Cleaning up, etc. needs to begin in earnest soon. Perhaps we should have a designated spring cleaning day in April and then keep up the good work throughout the summer months. A tidy up is not just for the competition but for our pride in our environment. Judging will be in June.

A recent article in the BFP raised a matter which often makes our village look untidy. In South Bucks rogue signs littering roads will be removed as part of a county council purge. Transport for Buckinghamshire says it is increasingly aware of the number of unauthorised signs appearing by the roadside, including advertising and promotion posters, and business display signs.

Items attached to road signs, placed in verges or on street lights without the consent of the county council are an offence under the Highways Act 1980. Such items are sometimes a distraction when drivers need all eyes on the road ahead.

- Items attached to telephone poles are a particular eyesore in Naphill. Sometimes the posters stay there for months looking bedraggled, and well out of date. Lots of people worked hard, and unobtrusively, to keep the village free of litter last year. Long may this continue!

Peggy Ewart

National Trust

Hughenden, West Wycombe & Chilterns National Trust

Volunteer Open Day

Sat 21st March

10am-1pm

Hughenden Manor

All welcome!

No need to book.

For more info contact helpingout@nationaltrust.org.uk or call 01494 755573

For Sale

SCOOTOMATIC EASYSHOPPER

Mobility Scooter £350

Little used, Excellent condition, Brand new batteries, Charger and leads, Collapsible for transportation

Try with no obligation

Also aluminium ramps £60 would sell separately

Greg Hargrove 562655

Bon Ami Coffee Shop

Spring is here – the snowdrops are out, daffodils are poking up their heads and just as I write this article, we've more tables and chairs outside on the terrace than inside.

With Easter only a little over a month away, we have given in and have started serving hot cross buns with our delicious homemade spiced honey butter. Perfect with a cup of tea.

Friday March 13th is Red Nose Day so come and join us if you can for a Red Nose Cupcake and other themed treats and we'll raise some money for this worthwhile charity.

This is closely followed by Mothering Sunday on 15th. Why not treat your Mum to a coffee and a freshly baked pastry – let her relax for a while, before she cooks the dinner!!

The Naphill Business Network will hold their usual monthly meeting on 31st March at 8.00am. This is an informal meeting where local business people get the opportunity to meet and promote their businesses. If you would like to come along, just let either of us know, or contact Heather Salter - hsalter.salter@googlemail.com

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Ruth and Amanda

Naphill Evening W.I.

Our January talk by Ken Brazier on Climbing Kilimanjaro Age 67 was certainly a good way to start our year. Ken told us all about his adventure, including both high times and the lows. At one point his drinking water was completely frozen and on another occasion, when he wished to photograph the spectacular sunrise, he realised that his camera had frozen.

By the time you read this we will also have heard from Nigel Eagaling on Fag Ends and Frustration, which sounds intriguing.

We have an Open Meeting on 19 March, when the speaker is L. Grout on Windsor Castle, so please come along at 7.45 if you are interested.

Also in March, on the 27th, we are hosting the Group Meeting and will have entertainment from 'The Lantern Singers'. On 18 May, Marion is organising a trip to Adam's Farm (of Countryfile fame) when, hopefully, we will see sheep shearing in action.

The Craft Group are back in action and thinking of things to make and also ways to celebrate 100 Years of WI, although at our first meeting of the New Year it was more about drinking tea and eating biscuits! The Food Group's next event will be lunch at the Cross Keys in Great Missenden on 24 March, whilst the Book Group is enjoying reading "The Last Runaway" by Tracy Chevalier. So, as you can see, we are a happily busy WI.

Carol Gilliam

Seniors Lunch Club

This year will, hopefully, see us continuing to provide the opportunity for senior members of our community to come together for lunch and friendship, on the second Wednesday of each month.

These lunches have been enhanced by Alan Lewis, who has entertained us with his piano playing.

Back in November we were fortunate to be visited by young musicians from Naphill & Walters Ash school. Their high standard of playing impressed us all and, hopefully, we will see them again later this year.

December was our Christmas Lunch and thirty-two members sat down to a traditional meal, with all the trimmings.

It is appropriate to say here a big 'thank you' to the team of dedicated cooks and helpers for their effort in supplying and serving a two course meal, with tea/coffee, each month.

We would welcome anyone from the two villages, over the age of 70 years, to join us, and should you wish to do so please call me on the telephone number below.

Jan Gaunt
562282

Black Lion

Well, after a rather mild and sometimes sunny January, during which we had the fire burning to create a warm and toasty atmosphere, the cold has arrived, brrrrr! Today it is Sunday 8 February, the sun is shining brightly and it's 10 degrees outside! We are very busy and some brave folk are dining outside. There are children on the swings and somebody has asked for the bouncy castle to be inflated. Not just yet!

Happily Spring is on its way and Easter is not far away. So what's going on at the Black Lion? Our 2 for £12 meal offer is as popular as ever including honey glazed ham with double free range eggs and chips, South Devon battered cod and butternut and spinach lasagne being amongst the favourites. This offer is available every weekday i.e. Monday to Friday. We also have another delicious 'specials menu' which is available on Friday and Saturday evenings. This menu varies every weekend and always includes a range of interesting tasty dishes.

We have lots of sport on BT with Champions League, Premier League and lots of rugby! Our crib and dominoes team are top of the league by a point with a game in hand and they are still in the single doms and single crib knockout. COME ON YOU LIONS!!!!

Mother's Day is on Sunday 15 March and we are already starting to take bookings. We are running 3 sittings 12-3, 3-6 and 6-8 so please call us and book as we always fill up quickly.

Finally, now that we are starting to get busier, we are looking for floor staff and a second chef to help in the kitchen. So if you're interested or know someone who is and wants to join our team please drop us in a C.V. Thank you all once again for continued support we really do appreciate everyone's custom.

Best wishes from all at the Black Lion

Editorial Comment: *In early February Himself was dispatched to take some snowy day pictures. The sleet and cold obviously got to him BEFORE he reached the Black Lion, but I know that there is always a very warm welcome there too whatever the weather! (see page 24)*

Sonia

A New Informal Recreational Area

Grange Area Trust – Widmer Fields



Widmer Fields is an area of approximately 40 acres of Green Belt lying partly in Hazlemere and partly in Widmer End, High Wycombe. The land has been owned by a succession of developers since the 1950s and has

been subject to Regional Strategic Plans, County Structure Plans, Development Plans and numerous planning applications over the years. However, with the persistent efforts of hundreds of focussed, determined and passionate campaigning local residents, past and present, this area of conservation land is now under the protection of the Grange Area Trust, a registered charity, and safeguarded from development in perpetuity.

Wildlife protection in Widmer Fields

The area is being managed as amenity land for informal recreation, fostering the general health and well-being of the community who can enjoy quiet strolls, dog-walking, jogging, kite-flying, etc. It is also being preserved as a wild-life sanctuary. It lies within the Chiltern Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and landscape quality and biodiversity are cornerstones of the Management Plan for the Widmer Fields which recognises the wildlife habitats that have developed since active farming ceased in the 1960s. The three major habitats are:

- Mature linear woodland
- Open Grassland
- Woodland

The Grange Area Trust welcomes residents to pay a visit to Widmer Fields and see for themselves the wonderful opportunities afforded by this tranquil sanctuary.

Location

The fields can be accessed directly from the car park opposite Widmer End Village Hall, in Grange Road, Widmer End, HP15 6AD and the public car park situated at Beaumont Way, near Hazlemere Cross-roads (B474 and A404) - just an eight minute walk down footpath HZ11.

Come and seen Widmer Fields for yourself!

Feedback please to Hon. Secretary Lyn Marchant, Brambles, Grange Road, Widmer End, HP15 6AD or at lyn.marchant@btinternet.com 01494 713454

Community Police News

Speed Watch

Speeding is one of the factors that most affects the quality of life in communities.

It contributes to the severity of road traffic collisions and increases the impact on the lives of people in the community.

Community Speed Watch is a traffic monitoring scheme co-ordinated by Thames Valley Police in partnership with local councils and other stakeholders, but managed and run by neighbourhood policing teams and community volunteers.

How it works

- Speed Watch can only operate in areas up to a 40 miles per hour speed limit. Community volunteers work alongside Thames Valley Police officers to identify vehicles which break the speed limit.
- Registration numbers are entered onto a database which produces a letter informing the registered owner that their vehicle has been noted to have exceeded the speed limit and asking them not to do so in the future.
- If the same registration number is logged in another Speed Watch anywhere within Thames Valley, the owner will receive another letter advising them that if they are caught a third time, the information will be passed onto Roads Policing, who may take further action.

We have just had the figures confirmed for 2014 speed watch project

The total number of Speed Watch letters sent out in Buckinghamshire was 5148, with High Wycombe rural areas contributing to 4389 of those (this equates to 83.3% of all community SpeedWatch letters across Thames Valley police area).

Hughenden Parish is the largest of the contributors generating 2380 of these letters.

The records also indicate that the speed has reduced in the Great Kingshill Ward of Hughenden

This is great news and on behalf of Thames Valley Police and I would like to thank all that have been involved.

Our local community police officer is PC Caroline Merriman and she can be contacted by email: caroline.merriman@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk also via the non emergency telephone number below.



Making Road Signs Visible

You will, no doubt, have seen that road signs in the parish, some very important, have been allowed to become overgrown or dirty to the point where they are completely unreadable.

As the councils responsible are no longer monitoring these problems, it falls on residents to look out for themselves. Accordingly, if you know of such obscured signs, will you either try to clear or clean them yourselves, making sure it is safe to do so, or report them to Hughenden Parish Council (01494 715296) and the NAG will endeavour to get volunteers to carry out the work.

Stan Jones
Chairman

Improving the Quality of Life for Arthritis Suffers

As a Personal trainer I see and hear people who suffer every day from arthritis. A few small changes can improve their standard of living for a much longer period of time. I would like to share some of those with you.

You cannot always prevent arthritis. Some causes, such as increasing age, family history and gender (arthritis is more common in women) are out of your control. Yet there are a few health habits which you can adopt to reduce your risk of developing painful joints as you get older. Many of these steps, such as exercising and eating a healthy diet, help prevent other diseases too.

Exercising regularly is one of the best things you can do to take care of yourself and your joints. Here is why exercise is so important:

- People who exercise often live longer, with or without rheumatoid arthritis.
- Regular exercise can actually reduce overall pain from rheumatoid arthritis.
- Exercise can keep your bones strong. Thinning of the bones can be a problem with rheumatoid arthritis, especially if you need to take steroids. Exercise helps bones to keep their strength.
- Exercise maintains muscle strength.
- Regular exercise improves functional ability and lets you do more for yourself.
- People with rheumatoid arthritis who exercise feel better about themselves and are better able to cope.

Is Exercise Safe If You Have Rheumatoid Arthritis?

Yes! Certain kinds of exercise are proven to be safe for people with rheumatoid arthritis. There are three types you can do; stretching, strengthening, and conditioning.

- Stretching exercises are the simplest and easiest. They consist of stretching and holding

different joint and muscle groups for 10 to 30 seconds each. Stretching improves flexibility, and daily stretching is the basis for any exercise program.

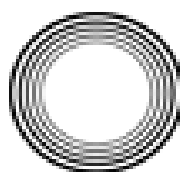
- Strength exercises involve working the muscles against resistance. This can be either with or without weights. Resistance training strengthens the muscle and increases the amount of activity you can do pain-free.
- Conditioning exercise, also called aerobic exercise, improves cardiovascular fitness. There are countless benefits to aerobic exercise! Among them, it makes your heart and blood vessels healthier, prevents disability, and improves mood and well-being. Good conditioning exercises for people with rheumatoid arthritis include low-impact activities like walking, bicycling, or using an elliptical machine. Any of these will get your heart pumping.

After being cleared by your doctor, you should try to do 20 to 30 minutes of low-impact conditioning exercise on as many days as you feel you can. More is better, but any amount is better than none at all! We are here to support you every step of the way for any more advice please contact me.

Chris Wright

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An Extra Christmas Tree Light Donation

The fund for the Christmas Tree Lights has just received a donation of £200 and I thought I should tell everyone about it. Dennis Brown of Downley Road passed away recently and his family gave a small gift of £200 to his neighbours, Janet and John Taylor. In turn, Janet and John have given the £200 to the Christmas Tree Lights Fund. What a splendid gesture! Thank you Janet and John.

Mike Mason

Good Companions Club

Unfortunately we do not have a report this month as Sheila Veysey is currently recovering from a knee operation. Hopefully she will make a speedy recovery. The next club meeting will be held at Hughenden Village Hall on Thursday, 5 March at 2.15pm when the Three's Company Singers will be there to entertain.

Sonia



Editorial Comment: As a Grandma recovering from the half term visit from the two boisterous grandsons, I thought the above clipart was appropriate. It is GREAT when they arrive, but we do enjoy the quiet when they go home!

Some happy news from Shear Madness. Dawn, their ladies hairdresser, married Craig in Antigua on Valentine's Day. Aaaaaaah! Congratulations and best wishes to them both

My thanks as always to Richard Holdroyd for our beautiful cover photograph and to all our contributors for their articles and contributions.

My apologies again for last month's errors and omissions. For a change I was not guilty of the Naphill Neighbour's 'typo' so good news there! Hopefully all the items have been included and the dates are correct this month.

Sonia

Small Ads Continued

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PIN UP DIARY

March

4 March	FONC Short Walk Curry Night The Wheel
6 March	Horticultural Society Dinner and Entertainment Naphill Village Hall 7.15pm
7 March	Brownie Jumble Sale Naphill Village Hall 1.30pm
13 March	Red Nose Day
15 March	Mother's Day / Mothering Sunday
16 March	Horticultural Society A.G.M. Naphill Village Hall 8pm
17 March	St. Patrick's Day
19 March	Burger Night The Wheel
27 March	Moto Group live The Wheel

April

3 - 6 April	Easter Weekend
17 - 18 April	Beer Festival The Wheel

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Adult Ballet	Wednesdays 6.15-7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Pam Sheen 716384
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30-6.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6 -7.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571 ruth.daly3@btinternet.com
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 700-8.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30-11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Walter's Ash	
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45-10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	RAF Walter's Ash	Phil Crawford 07500 007644
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	Tuesdays 3.30-7.30pm		
	Wednesdays 3.45-6.15pm		
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Good Companions	First Thursday every month	Hughenden Village Hall	Sheila Veysey 562332
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7-8.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
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Jujitsu	Monday Evening	RAF Walter's Ash	Holly 07957 727054
Line Dancing	Tuesdays 8-9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wilmot 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile Library	Wednesday 10.55-11.30am 11.35 -11.55am 12.05 -12.20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month 7.45 for 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Naphill Women's Fellowship	Wednesday afternoons 2pm	Methodist Church	Betty Jones 564489
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30 and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Wednesdays 7.30pm		
	Thursdays 5.45pm		
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30 -9.15pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillscouts@aol.com
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1, until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays 1.30pm	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david @tvemf.org Sarah Dengel 563706 sarah.dengel1@gmail.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com
	Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am		
	Wednesdays 9.30am Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.00pm		
Junior Coaching - Summer school term-only	Fridays 4.15-7.30pm Saturday 9-9.45am under 7s		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8.00-10.00pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah Bacon 563479
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Editorial

Like most people, I pride myself on keeping going and it is almost unheard of for me to declare myself ill and to take to my bed but I have to admit, this week, I have succumbed and the bugs won. I was becoming increasingly concerned as to how the April Gazette was going to ever get done but as always, the in box has quickly filled up with all your great articles, photographs and comments which quickly put the smile back my face, so that there is no time for feeling ill, it is onwards and upwards and get on with the job time!

One of this month's inspirations for me, is a poem from a year 5 pupil at our local school entitled 'RESOLVE', something I need a few buckets of today. The next was a flyer asking us to go out and count the local species of flora and fauna. This took me straight back to my days as student at Lady Spencer Churchill College in Wheatley.

Our biology tutor was an enthusiastic lady, a committed conservationists called Mrs. Bowen, fondly renamed by her 'dear gals' as "Urse the Curse" and she always led from the front! Urse liked nothing more than to have us don our wellington boots, grab our butterfly nets, pegs, string and anything else she could think of and set off across the Chiltern chalk lands counting everything from butterflies to grasses. Alongside this was the Spring trip to Slimbridge Wildlife Trust to study the returning migrants and observe their mating displays. In retrospect, these expeditions were akin to a scene from a Saint Trinian's film, not how Urse saw it of course. At this time the M40 was being cut through large swathes of the Buckinghamshire countryside and we certainly learnt a great deal about the need to protect our environment and the associated ecology. Thankfully these issues are now well monitored and we are all encouraged to join in.

Do you ever feel that the world is just a little mad? We were a little surprised when we realised that we were required to deposit a printed copy of the Naphill and Walter's Ash Gazette with the British Library and NO, an electronic version was definitely not acceptable. Each month our super efficient Distribution Manager, Pauline, packages a copy of the magazine and dutifully sends it off. Now the British Library is asking for FIVE copies of our

magazine so that a copy can be sent to all the nationwide deposits. Whilst I always like to think that our magazine is of local interest I really cannot see that it will be of interest to anybody living very far from our immediate vicinity and this does seem a little like bureaucracy gone mad!

I always love to receive your letters, comments and items for the magazine. For me, these are a vital part of the magazine and indeed, there would be no magazine without them. I should like to respectfully remind you all that the copy deadline is midday on the 15th of each month prior to publication. I try very hard to keep everything topical so when things arrive too late and don't get included they have to be carried over. Last month I had 'switched off' from Christmas lights and so missed an item which had arrived too late for the February edition. and so it is included this month. Wherever possible, please get things to me on time! i.e. all items referring to Christmas need to be here by 15 January, all items referring to the Napfest must be here by 15 July, fireworks by 15 November please. I will not be publishing items reporting on these events which are submitted after these dates.

Easter is quite early this year but hopefully there will be lots of glorious Spring sunshine so that we can all enjoy this special Christian Festival. I wish you all a very happy holiday and I look forward to receiving your contributions for the May Gazette on or before 15 April please.



Sonia Goby

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Letters to the Editor

Notice of thanks following the death of Jan Pearce

Jenny Pearce and family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages and practical help following the death of Jan on 11 February after a short illness. We should especially like to thank our close friends, neighbours, The Wheel and The Men's Club for their exceptional support at this difficult time.



God bless you all
Mrs L.J. Pearce

Editorial Comment: *My sincere condolences to Jenny and all Jan's family and many friends.*

Christmas Lights

My apologies for missing the earlier editions of the Gazette but I would like to say a big thank you to all those people who made a contribution to our

donation box over the Christmas period.

We have put up a few lights every Christmas for a while now and it was only this year that it was suggested that we should ask for donations to charity. We chose BURPS (Baby Unit's Relatives & Parents Support) at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Stoke Mandeville Hospital because it was very important to us when our granddaughter was born at 27 weeks in February 2012. This was a difficult period for our granddaughter, her parents and ourselves as she went through several life threatening scares. The NICU staff were exceptional in the care and compassion they showed during this time. The BURPS charity provides much needed support to families during the new-born baby's stay as well as raising money for additional equipment for the Unit.

I would also like to say a big thank you to my band of cheery men: John Evans, Peter Saunders, Gary Rush and Keith Hawes for all their help in erecting the lights over the years. All they ask for is a bacon roll and some mulled wine.

With the kind donations from passers-by in Coombe Lane we raised £15.00 for BURPS; many thanks to all of you that contributed, we know the charity will be grateful for the money.

Janet & Trevor May

Speed Limits

Dear Editor,

In the March Edition of the Gazette, residents are asked to complete a questionnaire on the possibility of reducing the speed limit throughout parts of Naphill and Walters Ash to 20 mph. However, we are given no information as to the reason why the subject has been raised that will help to form opinion. Thus, any results are likely to be skewed by ideology rather than being strictly evidence based. Changes to speed limits, in any direction, will have consequences and are serious matters; therefore, it seems only reasonable we are provided with any information the Res. Assn. holds that generated the idea for a change. For example:

- a. Is it based on accident statistics (speed related) and what are they?
- b. Why did the idea arise: significant public demand/Police initiative/small focus group?
- c. Have the authorities (Police/Council) been approached and are they enthusiastic?
- d. What are the expected outcomes in relation to safety and effect on road users?
- e. Has any effort been made to find out the effect on areas that have introduced 20mph limits?

Before being asked to answer the question

we should expect to receive the whys and the wherefores. "Seems like a good idea" is no way to inform travel policy. On a similar vein, I note that 5148 Speed Watch letters were sent out in Buckinghamshire of which 4389 went to the Wycombe area and 2380 of these to Hughenden Parish. Given this information it would be easy to conclude that the Parish has the worst speeding drivers in the County. We could also deduce that those areas with no teams have no speeders! However, knowledge of how actively the monitoring was undertaken and the distribution and use of neighbourhood teams within the County may give a different impression. That drivers need to better observe speed limits is unquestionable. Nevertheless, statistics are only useful when accompanied by the complete picture.

Bob Foggo

Dear Editor,

I noted the proposal in the March issue to adopt a 20 mph speed limit across sections of Main Rd / New Rd.

However, I would question the wisdom of this.

There is no evidence to suggest that a speeding driver will pay attention to this lower limit. Indeed, logic tells me that if they are prepared to exceed 30mph then they will certainly exceed a 20mph limit.

What is therefore needed is far stricter enforcement of the existing 30mph limit - something which I would wholeheartedly support.

Furthermore, analysis of government evidence by the Institute of Advanced Motorists in 2014 shows that far from reducing accidents, roads with 20mph limits have seen increases in serious casualties of 26%.

Speeding drivers along Main Road infuriate me as much as anyone but I do not see that a 20mph will do anything to stop those intent on speeding, or reduce accidents.

Stricter enforcement of the current limit certainly could achieve this.

Nick Rock
138 Main Road

Editorial Comment Both these letters raised pertinent questions and so I sought answers. Below is a reply from Malcom Leflaive

Dear Editor

Speed Limits Opinion Poll

Thank you for the opportunity to reply to Mr Foggo's helpful letter and clear up misunderstandings.

No proposal to change local speed limits is currently

being advocated by the Residents Association.

This was a quick, simple poll to ask if residents have strong feelings for or against a change in speed limits, because concerns have very legitimately been raised by some N&WA School parents about children's road safety. They have had discussions with Police, Highways (Transport for Bucks), Bradenham Parish Council, Hughenden Parish Council and Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group, as well as the Residents Association committee. Discussion points have included a pedestrian central refuge, road signage, and speed limits. It was a document on Traffic Calming, forwarded to them by TfB that mentioned 20 mph speed limits.

The RA is not currently committed to any particular view as to whether new measures can or should be adopted. Mr Foggo's comments will be applicable if a proposal is put forward and more data are needed. At present, no proposal exists.

Highways (TfB) receives road safety requests from numerous communities, but has limited funding, so will not allocate money unless there is very strong public support as well as a valid case. Therefore, to avoid spending time and money on a project, only for it to fail for want of public support, one of the parents, who is also a Hughenden Parish Councillor, set up a simple questionnaire on the Naphill website. To widen the response, the questions were also put to the Gazette readership to see whether there is broad local support for speed limit changes or not. As Walter's Ash comes under three different parish councils, NAWARA, which is the only organisation able to represent all the residents of both villages, was asked to help by putting the questions in the Gazette. Very little additional information could be given, as there was only half a page available.

The Residents Association has now done what was requested, and the parents group are considering what steps may be open to them. NAWARA continues to support Community Speedwatch, which is proving effective locally.

This is also a reply to Mr Rock's helpful letter, and I hope, clarifies the position on 20 mph limits to Gazette readers. At present there is no proposal on the table to change speed limits.

Yours sincerely
Malcolm Leflaive

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association
01494 563634

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

As Sarah said last month, we seem to have a long list of maintenance jobs to do, so I am happy to report that some of these have been done. The broken roof tiles have been replaced, the gaps

in the hedge have been filled and thanks to the generosity of Country Supplies who donated the ballast, cement and wooden posts, we have been able to replace the rotten posts around the car park edge, replace the post for the barrier at the Tennis Club and fit the new drop down posts at each end of the car park on to the playing fields. Our thanks also go to Clive Lawrence for giving up his weekend to get these jobs done.

We have also been able to get on with some of the promised improvements -the new carpet for the entrance hall should have been fitted on March 17th, and the hearing loop and music deck for the main hall installed on the same day. With the hall in almost constant use these days it has not been easy to find a day to get these fitted!

A new hot cupboard has been installed in the kitchen and we have also purchased a large fridge/freezer which should now provide ample cold storage for large events.

We are also looking into the possibility of installing solar panels to heat the water for the hall, and with the younger generation in mind, the possibility of putting a kick wall on the playing fields.

We are still looking for volunteers to take over the maintenance of the willow tunnel in the play area. Full training will be given, so if you think you could take this on, please contact Peter Williams, one of our parish councillors on 565695

Arrangements are well in hand for Napfest on the 5th- 7th June, and you will be pleased to know that tickets for the Friday Music Night will be cheaper when ordered online or bought in advance from The Wheel. Sadly, the cost and red tape involved have meant that we will not have a procession through the village at the start of the Fete this year, but don't despair as alternative arrangements are being made to ensure that all those fabulous fancy dress costumes can still be seen!

Finally, could I please ask that anyone using the Village Hall ensures that the chairs and tables are stacked within the Hall, and not put in the lobby by the double doors at the end of the Hall as this is a fire exit and must be kept clear at all times.



Cathryn Carter,
Vice Chairman
Naphill Village Hall &
Playing Fields Council



Governor Vacancy - Naphill & Walters Ash School

The governing body of Naphill & Walters Ash School currently has a vacancy for a governor to represent the local community. Becoming a governor is an important voluntary role that helps to make a difference to the education of our children. It carries a high level of responsibility and should not be undertaken lightly, but it is also interesting and very rewarding.

Governors are collectively responsible for:

- Setting the aims and objectives for the school.
- Defining the policies for achieving those aims and objectives.
- Setting the targets and plans for achieving those aims and objectives.
- Monitoring the progress that the school is making.
- Being a source of support and challenge to the Headteacher and senior management team.

Your commitment would involve attendance at governor training sessions (assume 3 days or evenings a year), attendance at meetings (two per term each lasting about 2 hours) and reading/assimilation of school policies and performance data. After a suitable introductory period you will also become involved with one or more specific areas of school life and may be asked to conduct governor fact finding visits.

If you have skills in strategic planning, statistical analysis or special educational needs and disability (SEND) then we would like to hear from you. Full induction training is given. To express an interest or to ask for more information please contact me. You would need to be prepared for an informal panel interview and to be aware that safeguarding checks are carried out before a new governor is appointed.

Judy Whitehouse
Chairman of Governors
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07813 678844

Picture This

I'm on a bit of a mission this month and I do need your help. No no, don't go away to another article, read on. It could be fun and it is a bit dirty. I would love to have more pictures for the cover of the Gazette and for other pages too. Read on, read on.....

It's April. Spring has arrived and the early flowers are nodding in the breeze; wonderful. You can almost, but not quite, forget the impact of the forestry work and tree-felling on the Common which now looks as if it went into a hairdressers for a trim and came out with a number 1.

This month's cover picture is a portrait of one of the earliest Spring flowers, the beautiful sensitive

Wood Sorrel. It has elegant clover-like leaves that are described as having 'sleep movements, folding down at night'. Nodding off in fact. The portrait was made last April in the woodland between Naphill and Northdean.

All flowers look better close up, eyeball to eyeball: close up, they have more 'Wow factor' and so to make them the star of the show, you need to get down, get close and get dirty. Here I might owe you an apology: that is the 'dirty' bit of the article. Now, when you have created your pictures, share them. Don't just keep them locked away in your computer or in a packet of prints from Boots. At Gazette headquarters, we are always looking for pictures for the front cover and for the inside pages too, so do send them to either Editor Sonia at Gazette Towers, or to me.

Just a quick couple of points on pictures. For the front cover, photographs have to be portrait format or square so that they fit the shape of the Gazette. You will have noticed that we usually have seasonal themes for the cover. So this month's picture is an April event - the Wood Sorrel is in flower in April. Don't let the seasonal factor stop you from sending in pictures that you are taking right now and in the months ahead. I will save them for next year - just as I did with this month's cover - and believe me, a year goes past very quickly.

So, keep making pictures, and I look forward to showcasing more of the work of fellow residents.



Richard Holroyd

News from 'Christians in the Community'

Soon you'll be receiving an Easter card through your letter box with the times of all the services but here are the times of the Easter Sunday services. At Hughenden Parish Church there will be a family communion service at 11 am. There will also be a family service at 11am in Naphill Methodist Church. All the other services will be in the Easter card. I wish you a happy Easter.

Norma Clarke

St. Botolph's Services

Good Friday	3 April	Stations of the Cross	10am
Easter Day	5 April	Eucharist	11am
Sunday	12 April	Eucharist	11am
Sunday	19 April	Eucharist	11am
Sunday	26 April	Matins	11am

Peggy Ewart

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning: Planning to 10th March 2015 **15/05577/FUL** Nesta, Stocking Lane, Naphill. Householder application for demolition of existing garage and erection of detached single garage, with store and home office/garden room. **15/05341/FUL10** Bayley Gardens, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey side/front extension following demolition of existing detached garage.

Decisions

Permitted: **15/05058/FUL** Burnhams, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement 4-bed dwelling. **15/05028/FUL** Caprice, Purssells Meadow, Naphill. HA for construction of single storey rear conservatory.

Refused: **14/08131/CLP**. Peel House, 1 The Glebe, Naphill. Certificate of lawfulness for proposed construction of single storey rear/side extension with 1 x roof light.

Speedwatch: Our Speedwatch team is slowly growing in number, but PC Lee Turnham is looking for more volunteers. Two volunteers meet up with PC Turnham for 3 one-hour sessions each month. Those caught driving at 35mph and above, receive a letter from Thames Valley Police. After the third letter, they receive a visit from a police officer. Although we are all aware of vehicles being driven from time to time at dangerous speeds through New/Main Road, the number of offences are in fact decreasing. Community Speed Watch volunteers must take a lot of credit for this. If you would like to join the team, please contact me by phone or email. Community Speedwatch needs your help.

Local Parish and District Elections

Still more candidates are needed for Parish and District Council elections.

Deadlines

(a) **Nomination** papers to reach WDC latest by **4pm 9th April 2015**.

(b) Candidates, Proposers and Seconders will need their **Electoral Roll numbers**. Electoral Services Dept. can help. Ring **01494 421180**.

(c) You can only vote on **7th May 2015** if you are on the **Electoral Register**. Your **application** must reach WDC Electoral Services Dept. **no later than 20th April**.

(d) Application **deadline for a postal vote is 5pm Tuesday 21st April**. Same deadline **for changes to existing postal votes**. Ring **01494 421223** for help with this.

See February and March Gazettes for these election matters in greater detail.

Date of next meeting: Thursday, 9th April 2015.
Naphill Village Hall

Gloria Leflaive
563634

A Letter from Our Methodist Minister

Dear Friends,

April puts us between daffs and bluebells. Wordsworth's host of golden daffodils are in full bloom as I write and will be fading as you read this. The bluebells have no hint of blue, but their racing green growth will only slow when the woods are carpeted.

Yes it's General Election season, but I'm not speaking of anything between true-blue Tories and golden Lib-Dems. To be politically correct and fair I'd have to admire the entire spectrum of British flora and, much as I like flowers, that is not my purpose today!

This April starts with Easter and I daresay lots of chocolate eggs, greeting cards with bunnies and lambs, and the debate about whether the lawn needs its first haircut. There'll be a new optimism and more houses will be exchanged.

School term will end a full week before Easter, and assembly may include an attempt to explain why the crucifixion of their leader has been so important to Christians. A cross symbol may appear on your Easter card, beautifully decorated with multi-coloured flowers, (not just daffs and bluebells!), or possibly an empty cross silhouetted against a glorious sunset (or is it a sunrise?), or much more unlikely a scene of crucifixion.

Yet the 1851 engraved stone tablet at the top of our church declares "We preach Christ crucified". Not very cheerful, you might say! Let's just celebrate Christ's resurrection. Surely that is the "good news"?

Yet in 1851 or in 54AD when St Paul wrote those words, it would have been just as easy as now to say "Forget Good Friday! Let's concentrate on Easter Sunday!" St Paul's point was that you can't have the resurrection without the death first, and though it might be offensive to some, and stupid to others, he was not going to duck the issue. St Paul believed Christ died for our sins, and the miracle of resurrection proved it was not in vain.

But to go back to the daffs and bluebells, as far as I know, neither flower would have been in evidence in Jerusalem that first Easter. Both flowers are a very British phenomenon. And Easter needs to pay homage to the Jerusalem events 2000 years ago, but translate them into the 2015 culture and language of Britain, or more particularly Naphill and Walters Ash.

May I wish you the blessings of this Easter.

Mike Hill

(minister of Naphill Methodist Church)



Naphill Neighbours

Well, we didn't expect that!! The speaker's subject at our March meeting was "The Story of an English Concertina" but what a web of information and intrigue was woven around this little wooden instrument! A tale of espionage, motor racing and much more, plus a couple of tunes played on another concertina.

Our next club meeting is on Monday 13th April, when Malcolm Nelson will tell us of his experiences "FORTY YEARS CATCHING SMUGGLERS" Sounds exciting.

Our first outing of the year is on Wednesday 15th April, when we will spend the day in St Albans. We leave Naphill Village Hall at 9am and on arrival in St Albans you can visit one of the largest street markets in the Southeast and / or one of the many historical or archaeological sites the city has to offer – the cathedral, (free admission), museums and roman remains... and lots of places for refreshments. The cost is £10 for members and £12 for guests. Everyone is most welcome – you don't have to be a member of Naphill Neighbours. Names and money can still be taken at the April club meeting or phone Hazel on 563977.

If you haven't already put the date in your diary, our summer outing will be on Tuesday 2nd June. It is a city and village organised tour of the Cotswolds, with a guide and includes a half hour canal boat trip. There isn't a lot of walking on this outing, so it is perfect for those of us who just want a gentle stroll. Morning coffee and a two course hot lunch in an old coaching inn are included in the cost which is £43 for members and £45 for guests. We set off from Naphill Village Hall at 9am. Once again, you don't have to be a member – everyone is most welcome.

Hazel Vickery, 563977

Naphill Evening W.I.

Our speaker in March, Nigel Eagaling, gave us an insight into the work of the police. It was interesting to learn how he became a police officer and about his move from London to the countryside of Chesham. He told us about his life as a member of the CID, giving an insight into the way in which criminals are followed, etc.

As a WI we have been asked to select resolutions to be put forward to our Annual Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall, and the subjects range from planting trees for the future to cutting back on food waste. The resolution to receive the most results from Bucks was on failing to care.

The Buckinghamshire Federation Annual Council Meeting will be held at the Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury on 22 April, when one of the guest speakers will be Jo Fairley from Green & Black's Chocolate. Here's hoping she brings samples. The other guest speaker will be Anna Turney, a wheelchair bound double Winter Paralympian. It

should be a very enjoyable day.

Also in April, the WI Centenary Baton will come to Buckinghamshire, visiting High Wycombe on 26 April, where it will arrive at Stuart Lodge and then go on to Pann Mill on the Rye, where there will be activities, including a craft stall and free use of the rowing boats (tickets from Stuart Lodge). Sounds like a fun day for members, friends and family.

Carol Gilliam.

Naphill Horticultural Society

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Our Annual Dinner on March 6th marked the start of the Society's year and once again the evening was a huge success with 69 of us sitting down to a fabulous meal, beautifully cooked, as always, by Lucy and her team from Main Event Cuisine, and followed by the delightful singer Chris Weeks who gave us a selection of numbers from musicals & Frank Sinatra, and had everyone humming along with Bewitched, Bothered & Bewildered!

A massive thank you goes to Lucy, Chris, and all of you who came along on the night. I'm sure that everyone who was there would agree that the whole event was great fun.

The garden is finally waking up and surprising us with bulbs that we put in and forgot about!!

However, if you are looking for a change to the garden, or have gaps that need filling, don't forget that we have our annual Plant Sale on Saturday May 16th, where we hope to have a good selection of flowering plants, vegetable plants and herbs.

If you are a keen seed sower like me (the greenhouse is a great place to be at the moment!), or will be busy dividing perennials, or have too many self-seeded plants, why not consider nurturing the spares and bringing them along to the Plant Sale?

We charge just £5 for a table, and the rest of the money you keep for yourself- a bargain!

If you are at all interested, please give me a call.

Finally, as I mentioned in February, we have a trip to Wisley Gardens on Sunday June 14th, which is entirely free to members. The coach will leave the Village Hall at 9.00am, and leave Wisley for the journey home at 4.00pm. If you would like to join us on this outing, please call Janet Judge on 563186- there are only a few spaces left!!

Cathryn Carter.
563233

Naphill and Walter's Ash School Report

At our school we have five Rs to represent our school values and rules. Each class have been discussing them and thinking of what they mean to us. They are: Resilience, Reasoning, Resourcefulness, Reflectiveness and Responsibility.

Over Half Term, every pupil was set the homework of drawing a superhero based on one of the five Rs such as 'Resourceful Rebekah' or 'Reasoning Rory'. Each class has produced a display to reflect these values. In year 6 we have made a 'value tree' and we can add a leaf to it if we recognise that one of us has shown one of the five Rs.



As part of this project we went to interview our Head Teacher, Miss Gwynn. We asked her why she chose the five Rs, and she said, "I thought they reflected how we should work and how we should act. I thought they would inspire us all."

We held a competition for the best poem about our special five Rs. They were all amazing and it was very hard to choose but we thought this was really inspiring!



Resilience!

Remember you will always bring success.
Even if it gives you a lot of stress.
Sometimes you feel like giving up.
Instead give yourself some luck.
Let's believe we can do anything.
Impossible does not exist because we can do everything.
Even if it's hard and you fail your first try.
Never give up and never cry.
Can is the aim of the game.
Everyone be **RESILIENT!**

By Avani, Year 5

*Cordelia Thompson and Daniel Hooper,
 Year 6 Editorial Team.*

photographs courtesy of Naphill & Walter's Ash School

Naphill Brownies

The brownies had a great visit to Sainsbury's a couple of weeks ago, where we were shown how the bakery products are produced to exacting quality standards. We were then challenged to decorate red velvet cupcakes for Red Nose Day. They should

look like this.



but ours looked more like this.



Still, they tasted great, even with our red noses on. We would like to say a big thank you to the kind staff at Sainsbury's who made this possible.



For Mothers Day we have been growing freesia bulbs in 'beautifully decorated' glass jars. We have been able to watch the roots start to show, and then the shoots start to break through. This was part of our 'seasons' badge, which we have now completed.

Thank you, once again, to all those who helped in any way with the Guides and Brownies Jumble Sale. We made an amazing £825. We have a fantastic team of helpers who turn out to collect, sort and sell the jumble, many of whom have no connection with guiding these days, but volunteer out of the goodness of their hearts. We could not do it without you. **THANK YOU** .

Brown Owl (Ruth Daly)
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photographs courtesy of Brown Owl

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Many thanks.
Pauline Pool
Distribution Manager

News from RAF High Wycombe

Princess Royal Walks in Grandparents' Footsteps

Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal has repeated the visit made by King George VI and Elizabeth The Queen Mother to Royal Air Force High Wycombe in 1944, including a tour of the office of 'Bomber' Harris which remains in original and mint condition.



Princess Anne, commemorating the visit more than 70 years earlier, also took the opportunity to meet members of the local community and charity workers, as well as servicemen and civilians who work at the Air Force Station.

RAF heritage was on display outside the main gate with a historical presentation of the Hurricane and Spitfire 'gate guardians'. The Princess Royal completed the visit by formally opening the Station's brand new sports and fitness facility to be known as 'Southdown Gymnasium' in reference to the Station's original coded title during WWII.

Station Commander Group Captain Philip Lester



said "I am extremely proud to have provided Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal with an insight into my Station and to commemorate the visit of her grandparents more than 70 years ago. My whole force staff of contractors, Civil Servants and serving personnel, working with the local community, have shown the excellent support we provide to the headquarters of Air Command including welfare and fitness facilities, as well as our continued work to preserve the traditions and heritage of Royal Air Force High Wycombe."

During the Second World War, King George VI, accompanied by his wife Elizabeth The Queen Mother, visited what was the headquarters of Bomber Command, hosted by Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur 'Bomber' Harris. At the time there was a high rate of bombing raids, and the reigning Monarch would have witnessed an extremely busy but highly organised Operations Room.

After the tour of Sir Arthur Harris' office Mr David Brown said "It was an absolute privilege and pleasure to brief The Princess Royal on the history and heritage of the Station. I was pleasantly surprised by her high level of knowledge regarding the Station, Bomber Command and Sir Arthur Harris, and can safely say it has been the highlight of my 47 years working for the RAF."

When naming the new sports facility it was important to recognise the Station's heritage. Prior to the start of the Second World War senior staff at the Air Ministry agreed that due to the threat from Germany Bomber Command should move away from Uxbridge in London. An area in the Chiltern Hills was selected and the building of Southdown began in November 1938. Named in the interests of secrecy, Southdown was built in just 16 months, and to this day original buildings are used by the officers, airwomen and airmen of the Royal Air Force.

Sergeant Stu McLean is in charge of the new gym and said "Her Royal Highness showed a great interest in the positive effects the new facility could have, and diverted the visit to ensure she was able to speak with some of gym users taking part in circuits. It is testament to 18 months of effort that this excellent facility is formally opened by such a prestigious visitor."

The Princess Royal was also met by schoolchildren from Naphill and Walter's Ash School. Evie Hutton, aged 10, said "it is a once in a lifetime opportunity and I am the first person in my family to meet Royalty." Manik Gurung, aged 11, said "I will be presenting flowers to her and I am very excited!" and Fizzah Hussain, almost 11, said "I feel very proud to meet The Princess Royal."



High Wycombe Stays Regimented

ROYAL Air Force High Wycombe is to maintain its regimental lead with Group Captain Frank Clifford handing Command of the Station over to RAF Regiment colleague Group Captain Philip Lester.

The Station provides operational and real life support for the headquarters of Air Command, 1 Group, 2 Group, 22 (Trg) Group and 38 Group, as well as other Lodger Units such as Manning and HQ Joint Forces Air Component.

During the handover on 2nd March 2015, Group Captain Lester said "I am extremely honoured to be taking the responsibility of Station Commander RAF High Wycombe. The support that we provide to HQ Air Command and other vital Lodger Units is crucial to their continued operation, as well as the provision of welfare and assistance to their personnel and families."



"I am also excited by the challenges of supporting the RAF Diaspora worldwide and United States Visiting Forces throughout the UK. Diaspora ensures that the 6000 RAF personnel not under RAF command remain linked to the Service, whilst the United States Air Force are able to operate from 8 Stations around the country. RAF High Wycombe is the epitome of the whole force and I am delighted to be working with such a committed civilian, contractor and military team."

The Station's new Commanding Officer has vast experience from his 28 years of Service, working on RAF Regiment Field and Light Armoured Squadrons, as well as serving with the Harrier Force and commanding 3 RAF Force Protection Wing at Basra. He has served around the world in Iraq, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Cyprus, Bosnia and Northern Ireland.

Since taking over Command on 12th April 2013, Group Captain Clifford has significantly improved facilities for the Station and strengthened the bonds between the whole force of serving personnel, Civil Servants, contractors and the local community. He is now due to deploy to Sierra Leone as the UK military deputy commander in the fight against Ebola.

When reflecting on his tour as Station Commander he said "This has been one of the highlights of my career and I have had the privilege to work alongside some fantastic people. It has been a tremendously rewarding experience and great fun, and I would like to thank everyone on Station and in the local community for their endeavour over the last 2 years".

Councillor Khalil Ahmed, the Mayor of High Wycombe, is full of admiration for the outgoing CO and said "Frank has been very supportive of our local traditions – at the Freedom Parade last year

the crowds were thrilled to see a Hurricane swoop over the high street whilst a parade from RAF High Wycombe marched through accompanied by the Central Band of the RAF. Events such as this and the various Remembrance Sunday ceremonies would not be successful without the full support of the Station Commander and his team."

For more information please contact the RAF High Wycombe Media Officer, Flight Lieutenant Andy Keeley at HWY-AdmWgMCO@mod.uk or 01494 494454.

All photographs in this article are courtesy of RAF High Wycombe

Naphill Scouts

Naphill scouts have been busy working towards both their fitness challenge award and creative challenge award. Fitness challenge requires the scouts to show an improvement in a chosen discipline over a 6 week period. You may see them running around the Crick in the evening trying to improve their fitness. With the creative challenge, the boys were decorating their own pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. The winner of the best pancake design was Joshua Lindsay. Well done Josh.



*Adrian Curtis
naphillscouts@aol.com*

Shear Madness - Dawn's Wedding Photo

Dawn married Craig in Antigua on Valentine's Day





Friends of Naphill Common March Walk

Our walk on Monday 16th March was 5.5 mile long and was slightly further afield than we normally travel, but was chosen as the snowdrops and aconites are in abundance in the grounds of St. Botolph's Church in Swyncombe.

Our drive over to the starting point at Ewelme was in drizzling rain but despite the forecast a group of 20 set off on a beautiful walk that took us via Ewelme Down Farm and house to the church at Swyncombe where we admired the snowdrops and aconites and stopped for coffee. From there we made our way via a steepish hill onto the Downs, where we had a 360 degree view which was sadly somewhat restricted by cloud and mist! Although the weather was by no means perfect, we had a most enjoyable walk and good company. For fifteen of the group the walk was enhanced by the lunch in The Shepherd's Hut in Ewelme which was most enjoyable.

Anyone wishing to join our walks on the third Monday of the month will be made most welcome as will four legged friends. We walk at a leisurely pace and are a very friendly group.

Ron Collins

Inconsiderate Parking in Main Road!

Images courtesy of Naphill + Walter's Ash Neighbourhood Facebook contributors.



It is an offence to park blocking the pathway! Please think of pedestrians who have to walk around your vehicle!

Hughenden Parish Council

Meet Your Prospective Ward Parish Councillors

HPC has organised a 'meet and greet' evening for HPC residents to meet prospective Councillors. By this date, nominations will be closed and this will be an opportunity to hear their views and to question them prior to the vote on 7th May.

**FRIDAY 17TH APRIL
7PM – 9PM**

NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL

Friends of Naphill Common.

Spring is here and what could be better than a quiet stroll on the Common? But, as you will know, much of it is in such a terrible state that walking consists of wading through mud and struggling over deep ruts. Wessex Woodland Management have assured us that they will work to flatten out the worst areas but it will be a long while until the grasses, sedges, rushes and mosses grow back to heal the scars. To make matters worse, felling will be resumed next year and at two year intervals, until the whole Common is thinned by one third.

There are to be some compensations. We have worked closely with the woodland management company, in an effort to minimise the inevitable damage and disruption, while maximising the benefits. As a result, the Common will be more open, with more sunlight getting in to encourage a richer flora. This should be most obvious on the some of the bridleways which have been made much broader. They have cleared away huge areas of holly in "bays" on each side of the paths so that they will be more sunlit and varied in appearance. We are going to use some of the more open areas to re-introduce the juniper cuttings which were taken several years ago from the four specimens that have survived from when the Common was a "juniper forest". Juniper does not thrive in shade and the old specimens are in poor health. We will have to protect the young plants from deer and rabbits for a while.

You may also notice some changes around several of the ponds on the Common. These have deteriorated over the years due to over-shading and filling in with leaves. A survey that we carried out last year showed that some are almost without either pond animals or flora, while even the best are choked with Floating Sweet-grass and Yellow Flag, with a rather limited variety of animal life. Our working parties and the Chiltern Rangers will try to clear some of the scrub and small trees around the ponds to let in more light. Later we may remove some of the leaf litter and vegetation from the ponds themselves; a little at a time, which we hope will allow the amount of frogspawn, newts and invertebrate life increases.

The struggle to protect and repair the Common takes a lot of time and energy. Please consider joining The Friends of Naphill Common so that you can help or, even if you can't join in physically, you will help us to maintain the membership numbers which enables us to wield influence. Contact our membership secretary Lynn McMinn 01494 56 4667. The Common has never needed you more.

We will soon be announcing our programme of events and activities. Meanwhile our walks continue. Ron Collins leads the longer walks of about five miles (2½ to 3 hours) on the third Monday of each month and the dates are as follows: 20th April, 18th May, 15th June, 20th July, 17th Aug, 21st Sept, 19th Oct, 16th Nov and 21st Dec. Meet at the

Village Hall at 9.25am for a start at 9.30am sharp. Chris Miller leads our short walks (2 to 3 miles) starting at 10.30am from the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month. Our working parties, organised by Peter Davis, usually meet on the first Sunday (and sometimes on the third Sunday) of the month and will continue to open up the paths and clear scrub around the ponds.

Full details of all our activities can be found on our web site at naphillcommon.org.uk or follow us on Twitter @NaphillCommon.

Chris Miller, Chairman.

Naphill Tennis Club

A new tennis season is in full swing and our 2015 Newsletter giving details of membership and activities is now available.

To give you a taster, we have the following:

- Children's Tennis Camps at Easter and in August
- Junior Coaching during the school summer term
- Adult Improvers' Coaching for members/non-members
- Coaching in Doubles Matchplay Tactics for members/non-members
- Regular club sessions during the week and at weekends
- Social events and tennis

Our membership rates are excellent value for money with a reduced rate for new members in their first year of membership.

Interested? Then email jttench@gmail.com for a newsletter/membership form.

NB. I recently managed to 'eliminate' everything in my inbox so, if you contacted me for information and didn't get a reply, I apologise! Please try again.

Jenny Tench

Bradenham Parish Council:

Sadly our March meeting started with the acknowledgment of the death of Councillor Jan Pearce, our Vice-Chairman, who had been our Chairman 2011-2014. His loss will be keenly felt and his numerous contributions to life in our small community were recognised.

The parish council noted that Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) had dealt with the flooding on Rectory Lane using the short term measure of cutting into the verge. This at least has removed the water from the road surface, but it has also shown that the water has damaged the road surface.

The parish council has also met with TfB and the location and width of buff coloured road strips have been confirmed for the section of Bradenham Woods Lane which passes through the village. This is all part of the parish council's traffic calming

initiatives. We are hoping to get the opportunity to share an MVAS, again to encourage traffic to slow down.

We were not able to report progress on a traffic survey at the junction of Bradenham Woods Lane/ New Road/Main Road Walter's Ash. The clerk is chasing this matter.

It was decided to donate £500 to the Rural Community Defibrillator Group for a defibrillator in Bradenham. Paul Rogerson, who used to be our county councillor, is leading the group, whose intention is to raise funds to provide 10 defibrillators in rural communities, Bradenham is to be one of these. It was decided that the best location for the defibrillator would be the phone box opposite the Red Lion pub. Although the box is tucked back, it is a landmark that everybody would be able to locate in an emergency.

Ken Hale and John Austin will not be standing at the next election on 7th May. We thanked them for their service to the parish and their dedicated work over the years.

Our next Ordinary meeting will be Monday 18 May. The Annual Parish meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting will also be held that evening. The evening will start with the Annual Parish meeting at 7.00pm at Bradenham Cricket Club. All are welcome.



Deirdre Hansen,
Clerk to the Council
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Bon Ami

As we write this we have 8 ladies making truffles, ganache and other chocolate goodies at our first "Something Chocolatey" workshop. We have teamed up with our local chocolatier, Cath Gillespie, who is running a series of workshops over the coming months. If you fancy trying your hand at creating with chocolate then do come into Bon Ami and reserve a place. The next two workshops are scheduled for Tuesday 19th May and Tuesday 16th June.

As before we will be closed on Good Friday, Easter Day and Monday, however, we will be open on Easter Saturday from 10 until 3. Our hot cross buns with honey spiced butter are selling like hot cakes! We will celebrate Easter with a traditional Simnel cake. We are also preparing to once again make our popular rhubarb cake just as soon as the first rhubarb harvest is in.

Our local police have arranged two more "Have your Say" mornings. This is an opportunity for ALL to chat face to face with your local police officers to discuss any concerns that you may have. The dates are 17th April and 1st May.

Our monthly Naphill Business Network Meeting is booked for Tuesday 28th March at 8am. This provides a great chance for local businesses to

network with each other to grow their business. If you are interested to attend then please contact either of us or Heather Salter on hsalter.salter@goolemail.com.

Thank you, as always, to all of our customers.

Amanda and Ruth.

Pony Espresso

Yay - for the first time in months the outside chairs and tables have been requested at Pony Espresso! Forever the optimist, I'm looking forward to the start of a long sunny summer. We're into our third year now and it's great to see how many regular customers we have - and how many have become friends. Whether it's a coffee and read of the daily papers, lunch of delicious freshly baked and filled baguettes, a scrumptious all day breakfast, or afternoon tea and cake, you are always welcome in the cafe. We also have a selection of handmade greeting cards for all occasions, and of course if you need a celebration cake to go with it, look no further! Don't forget, we have free WiFi so should you need a change of scenery, you could always bring your work with you.

We have a child's football bag with boots etc that was left in the cafe on Sunday the 8th. Hope someone hasn't had to buy a new pair!

We will be closed for the Easter weekend for a well earned break, so Happy Easter and see you soon.

Blaine

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Shear Madness

April at last! The clocks have changed and the flowers are starting to appear and all feels better with the world, oh and chocolate! HAPPY EASTER! We will be closed Good Friday, Saturday and Easter Monday

Dawn had a lovely wedding in Antigua although the romantic butterfly release didn't go to plan (the things didn't want to leave the basket) congratulations to Dawn and Craig. (please see the photograph on page 21).

I would like to thank you all again for your patience. The queues have been horrendous on a Friday and Saturday so hopefully I will be actively seeking an experienced barber to help out at the weekends very soon. If you know anyone who is fed up where they are working and are easy going and can put up with me, then please send them my way for a chat

HAPPY EASTER
Mandy x

An Accident Involving a Cyclist Cycling on the Pathway!

I've just returned from holiday and my mum, who was looking after my dogs, told me that one evening she was walking the dogs from the top of Bradenham Woods Lane towards Strike Command. She crossed the road on the zebra crossing and was knocked clean off her feet by a cyclist riding on the path!

Fortunately she wasn't hurt at the time but has suffered from some pain in her knee since. She said the cyclist, shouted sorry over his shoulder and continued on his way. She was left to struggle to her feet with 3 dogs in the pouring rain! I have to say that I was totally appalled! Since we moved here a year ago the residents are always so kind and friendly!! I thought people should know to be vigilant about cyclists whilst walking around!

Name supplied upon request

Editorial Comment: This is a posting from the Naphill and Walter's Ash Neighbourhood Facebook page which I publish with the kind permission of the author. There have recently been several postings regarding people parking on the pathway and so blocking the way for pedestrians and several items regarding cyclists riding on the pavements. Perhaps it is time that people recognise that apart from being dangerous, these are actually traffic offences.

The Black Lion

Well, we can't believe how quickly time flies by! By the time this copy of the Gazette reaches your doorsteps it will be the end of March. The daffodils are coming out, the grass is growing, the bouncy castle is having a spring clean and all the outside

toys and tables are having a makeover. It is also four years since the pub re-opened so we think that this is a good excuse for a celebratory 'knees up'

Easter is also just around the corner and we've got lots going on with different offers and the Easter egg hunt, hopefully, outside with the sun shining, if not, it will have to be in the pub. Either way, lots of fun for everyone!

So, what else is going on? Our 2 for £12 meal offer is still on and proving very popular, as is our specials menu available on Friday and Saturday evenings with some different ales for you to try. There is lots of sport on the television and our Charity Quiz on the first Sunday of each month to look forward to. Our crib and doms team are still top of the league and congratulations to Naphill FC Under 16's side who have just won their league. Well done to Kerry and all the lads! So once again thank you all for your custom and support and hope to see you soon.



All at the Black Lion.

The Wheel

I am sat by the window writing this on a glorious spring day, the sun is shining and it's great to see some of the spring bulbs coming into flower, it certainly puts a smile on everyone's faces knowing that summer is not far away. February always seems to be such a long month with the weather being so very grey and then March starts to give us hope and various dates to look forward to. We hope all the Mums in the village had a very special day on the 15th and I'm sure there were some great celebrations for St Patrick's Day (and lots of Guinness). Thank you to Wycombe Young Farmers who held a St Patrick's Day quiz, and I hope you raised some well deserved money for your designated charities.

I cannot believe Easter is upon us so soon, which means a well deserved four day weekend break for most of you. As usual we have The Lions Charity's huge Easter egg in the pub, simply fill in a square on the board for £1 and the donations are going to MacMillan. We have all our fingers and toes crossed that the sun will be shining for you all.

So this is what you have all been waiting for, after taking a year out our Beer Festival is back and will be held on the 17th and 18th of April. There will be 20+ Ales, a selection of Cider and Perry, live music with James Henton from 4:30 on the Saturday (you know that will be loud). So put the date in your diary and get here early, as you all know that once the ales have gone they have gone.

With the spring now here the chef and I are busy doing the Summer menu, the classics will still be there with a few seasonal changes that are a little lighter for the (hopefully) hot summer. The Senior citizens menu and children's menu will continue running for those with a smaller appetite. The

specials board is still extremely popular along with our speciality food evenings, so keep an eye on the blackboards at the front of the pub.

Oh, and Mark's motorcycle racing is back on, and he is now riding for a team! There will be more on this later in the season.



Cheers
Claire and Mark.

A Message from Peter Williams


Some of you might have heard about a general election happening on 7th May.

Well, it is not the only election being held that day. Hughenden Parish is having its elections on the same day. That is about the only thing the same though. The Parish Council is big on democracy, small on politics, you don't have to belong to any party. We are looking for people living in Naphill & Walter's Ash who are interested in representing us on the Parish Council. For more details please see the article in this Gazette. I have been a councillor for almost 2 years and have found it rewarding so I will be standing for re-election

We have 4 vacant seats on the Council of 15. SO! any other volunteers? I am happy to discuss what's involved on the phone or over coffee. so please do not hesitate to call me!

Peter Williams

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National Plant Monitoring Scheme

Monitoring our wild flowers


What is it?

The National Plant Monitoring Scheme (NPMS) is organised and funded by BSBI, CEH, JNCC and Plantlife. The aim is to collect data to provide an annual indication of changes in plant abundance and diversity.




Why is it needed?

Thanks to volunteers, we have a very good understanding of changes in the populations of birds, butterflies and bats. Plants are the foundations of ecosystems, but currently we do not have a good measure of changes in plant populations.




How will it work?

This is a scientific survey, so you will be randomly allocated a convenient 1km square to visit. The visit involves recording plant 'indicator species' in plots. Within your 1km square you will record around 5 plots.





Who can take part?

Anyone interested in nature who can identify plants, or who is keen to learn. Different levels of participation ensure that all who are keen can participate: you do not have to be an experienced botanist. There will be training materials provided and the opportunity to attend workshops throughout the year.



For more information visit: www.npms.org.uk





Naphill Men's Football Club

Judging from the League table below, Naphill Men's Football Team have had another successful season under the watchful eye of their manager Phil Crawford! Congratulations gentlemen!

Division One : League Table

13 Teams		Games Played	Games Won	Games Drawn	Games Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
King George V	Follow	20	11	4	5	60	39	+21	37
Naphill Mens	Follow	15	9	4	2	53	32	+21	31
Ickford	Follow	14	9	3	2	49	25	+24	30
Stokenchurch Social	Follow	15	9	1	5	49	49	+0	28
Las Piramides	Follow	12	8	3	1	43	21	+22	27
FC Beaconsfield Reserves	Follow	15	9	0	6	46	30	+16	27
Beacons Phoenix	Follow	20	8	1	11	43	59	-16	25
Horse & Jockey	Follow	18	8	0	10	37	50	-13	24
Booker	Follow	18	6	3	9	49	60	-11	21
Jager Athletic	Follow	14	6	1	7	47	46	+1	19
Seer Green	Follow	16	4	2	10	26	41	-15	14
Lacey Green	Follow	18	4	2	12	36	54	-18	14
Bedgrove Dynamos	Follow	19	4	0	15	31	63	-32	12



Napfest 5th-7th June

The plans are all moving along and the committee has been working really hard over the last few months, yet we all know there is still much to do. The excitement is definitely building as the online tickets sales are up and running for the Friday Night 'Music on The Crick'. If you do a Google search for www.napfest.eventbrite.co.uk the online booking is there.

The unfortunate news is that due to bureaucracy, this year's procession will not be happening from Forge Road or any other road. We have been in long discussions with the Village Hall committee in making this very hard decision but sadly, we will not be having the usual parade along the Main Road. The fancy dress will still be going ahead and we are planning to have a procession around the Crick with the Fete Princes and Princesses. The day will then open on the stage in the Marquee. We are currently holding discussions as to how this is going to work but I'm sure it will all be ironed out by June!

So Friday night is going to be amazing again as we have some great food stalls and the bar on the field so that you can get all the refreshments that you need. James Henton from 'The Deps' is helping again with the music acts and The Deps will be headlining. We have also looked at the early part of the evening and are hoping to have a disco early on so our younger audience can enjoy the evening too. Pricing for tickets will be as follows:

Online and Available in the Village shops and pubs

Children £5

Adults £10

Family (2 Adults and 2 Children) £25

On The Night

Children £7

Adults £13

Family (2 Adults and 2 Children) £30

Saturday is ticking along nicely with the theme still being 'Wild West'. Although the traditional procession may not be happening, we still really want everyone to come along in fancy dress. We are also still looking for more volunteers as we always need extra help. Most of the normal stalls will be there and we are hoping that there will be a few extra surprises. It is such an amazing family day out, so if you are new to the village make sure you join us for a fantastic traditional village event.

Ian will be updating you on 'Classic on The Crick' in a separate article.

Please can you all help us by donating raffle prizes, cakes, books, sponsorship, extra hands, and the bric-a-brac stall also needs donations. You all help make it a great weekend by giving us the support and generous donations.

Let's make it extra special this year.

Your Napfest Committee

The Old Plow at Speen

To all the Gazette readers and team behind the scenes:

Thank you so much for your custom over the years. it has been a pleasure serving you. Time has come to retire and try something else! The Old Plow is now closed for business”.

Olivia and Malcom Cowan

Editorial Comment: *I was very sad to receive the news that Olivia and Malcom were retiring from their business at the Old Plow and I am sure that they will be greatly missed. The good news is that they are continuing to reside at the Old Plow and so will continue to be active members of our community. I am sure that we all wish them a long and very happy retirement!*

A few days ago a lady telephoned me regarding advertising in the Gazette. I should like to confirm that subject to space availability, we do not make any charge for advertising local charity events and I apologise if I did not make this clear.

The Napfest Committee have said in their article that I would be publishing news about ‘Classics on the Crick’. I haven’t received an article regarding this part of the Napfest but hopefully it will be here for the May edition. In the meantime, should you need any information, I am sure that this will be available at The Wheel.

As always my thanks to Richard Holdroyd for our cover and to all our contributors for their articles and letters. All possible cover photographs received here at Gazette World Headquarters are sent to Richard who thankfully designs the covers, the mind boggles as to what you would get if this was left to me!

I hope you all have a very Happy Easter and enjoy the Spring sunshine!

Sonia

Small Ads Continued

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PIN UP DIARY

April

1 April	FONC Short Walk
3 - 6 April	Easter Weekend - local events in the magaazine
6 April	Village Hall AGM
15 April	Naphill Neighbours outing to St. Albans
17-18 April	Beer Festival at The Wheel
17 April	Meet local our P.C. - “Have Your Say” Bon Ami
20 April	FONC Long Walk
22 April	W.I. Bucks Annual Council Meeting Waterside Theatre Aylesbury
28 April	Network Business Meeting Bon Ami

May

1 May	Meet local our P.C. - “Have Your Say” Bon Ami
6 May	FONC Short Walk
7 May	Election Day
16 May	Naphill Horticultural Society Plant Sale
22 May	FONC Long Walk



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Naphill and Walter's Ash Clubs and Organisations

Club or Organisation	Meeting Day	Location	Contact
Adult Ballet	Wednesdays 6.15-7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Pam Sheen 716384
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30-6.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6 -7.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571 ruth.daly3@btinternet.com
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 700-8.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30-11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Walter's Ash	
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45-10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	RAF Walter's Ash	Phil Crawford 07500 007644
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Mondays 4.45-8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Elaine Tucker 816539 07974 121081 elainetuckeret@aol.com
	Tuesdays 3.30-7.30pm		
	Wednesdays 3.45-6.15pm		
Friends of Naphill Common (FONC)	Various	Various	Trevor Hussey 563767
Good Companions	First Thursday every month	Hughenden Village Hall	Sheila Veysey 562332
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7-8.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8-9pm	Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
Jujitsu	Monday Evening	RAF Walter's Ash	Holly 07957 727054
Line Dancing	Tuesdays 8-9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wilmot 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile Library	Wednesday 10.55-11.30am 11.35 -11.55am 12.05 -12.20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month 7.45 for 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Naphill Women's Fellowship	Wednesday afternoons 2pm	Methodist Church	Betty Jones 564489
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30 and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Wednesdays 7.30pm Thursdays 5.45pm		
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30 -9.15pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillscouts@aol.com
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1, until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays 1.30pm	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david @tvemf.org Sarah Dengel 563706 sarah.dengel1@gmail.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com
	Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am		
	Wednesdays 9.30am Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.00pm		
Junior Coaching - Summer school term-only	Fridays 4.15-7.30pm Saturday 9-9.45am under 7s		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8.00-10.00pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah Bacon 563479
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Editorial

Do you ever have a morning when you think you know how the day is going to run and one early morning phone call changes the day? This morning was that morning!

I had barely settled into my office chair when Flt. Lt. Andy Keeley, the RAF Communications Officer, phoned to arrange a meeting with me, himself and our new RAF Station Commander, Group Captain Philip Lester. Remembering that these are very busy gentlemen I expected the appointment to be some weeks if not months ahead and quickly put my diary on the computer screen. This was unnecessary as they could manage 1.15pm today.

As you will read in other articles in this edition of the Gazette, our new Commander is concerned about security in and around the Oakshott Centre and has deemed it necessary to restrict the access to this facility. He was very keen to emphasise that he is looking at ways to organise passes so that in the future, local residents will be able to use these facilities. I look forward to publishing updates on these developments in the near future.

On behalf of the Gazette I extend a warm welcome to Group Captain Lester and wish him a happy and successful tour of duty in our midst.

My thanks to the kind resident of Naphill who wrote to me confirming that parking on the pavement is illegal. Sadly this seems to be ignored by a lot of people and it remains an ongoing problem. The Thames Valley Police view on this is further clarified in the Residents Association report on the next page of this magazine.

I was very sad to learn of about the death of Jean Lawrence Mann, one of our eldest "Naphillites" who will be so sadly missed by many. Her nephew, Clive has written an article for us about her which I am pleased to be able to share with you. I extend my sympathy to all Jean's family and friends and to the congregation at Naphill Methodist Church where Jean was a life long member.

The Gazette team met at the beginning of April. The advertising costs and the magazine subscriptions will remain the same and I should like to remind you that this year's subscriptions of £3 are now due. Other than your subscriptions will you please make sure that all payments of cash or cheques are sent directly to our Treasurer, Mike Pool. If you make a BACs payment it would help if you could confirm this to Mike via an email please. If you have any advertising queries or requirements please will you

refer them directly to me.

It is now literally a few weeks to the great Napfest and of course, the excitement and anticipation is building! I look forward to publishing the program supplement next month. We are all hoping and praying that the glorious sunshine we are currently enjoying is going to be with us for the Napfest. Hopefully you will all take lots of great photographs and write some super articles for the July Gazette. The combined issue will now definitely be August/September.



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Thank You

After many years of delivering the Naphill & Walters Ash Gazette, two of our deliverers, Phyl & George Golds are standing down.

I would like to say a very big 'thank you' to them for all their years of hard work, and 'welcome' to Pauline, who is taking over their round.

Pauline Pool

Gazette Distribution Manager

Editorial Comment: My personal thanks to Phyl and George and of course welcome to Pauline who is stepping in to do this round. My thanks to all our valient delivery team for their ongoing support.

Sonia

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

Our April meeting is overshadowed by our A.G.M. Members have to remember to arrive half an hour earlier than usual and then we have to rush through our monthly meeting in 30 minutes so we can start the A.G.M. promptly at 8.00 p.m. The reward is a drink at the end of the evening as a thank you for the members hard work throughout the year so the thought of that helps to concentrate our minds.

We are continuing to work through our list of improvements. The hearing loop and updated music deck is now installed in the main hall, as is the carpet in the entrance hall. Hope that you notice the difference! We have also ordered a new ramp to give disabled access to Bon Ami. This is a portable ramp and will be stored in Bon Ami, so just ask them if you need it and they will bring it out. The holes in the hedge along Main Road have been filled in with wooden fencing which should help the hedge to regenerate. We are also investigating a portable hearing loop for use in the small hall. We really are making progress!

The Hall now has a very busy diary with new classes and bookings. If you are requesting a

booking can you please give the exact times you will need access to the hall and not just the times of your event so we don't have overlap. Also if you arrive early for your booking and the hall is still in use could you please wait patiently outside until the previous hirers have packed away and cleared the hall ready for your use.

Now that Spring is in the air we are looking towards the Best Kept Village judging in June and starting to get the working parties up and running to get the village shipshape. If you are ready and willing to don the marigolds and help then please give Peggy a ring on 565969. She would love to hear from you. Many hands make light work.

The A.G.M. took the usual format with the Chairman reporting on the years' events and achievements and the Treasurer reporting on our finances. The elected members were voted back in as were the Secretary, Treasurer and Lettings Secretary. We do owe all these folk a real vote of thanks as they give up hours of their time to keep things in the community running as well as they do. The co-opted members and the Chairman get voted on at the next meeting so watch this space.

The next big event is Napfest. As I write this the sun is shining and the sky is blue so let's hope it is practising for the 5th to 7th June. Fingers crossed.



Sarah Bacon
Chairman, Naphill Village Hall
and Playing Field Council

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association.

Planning to 8th April 2015:

15/05780/FUL. 143 Templewood, Walters Ash. Householder application for construction of first floor side extension. **15/05653/LBC** Little Moseley House Stocking Lane Naphill. Listed building application for construction of single storey side and rear extensions and replace some existing windows using painted hardwood, remove the painted feather-edge boarding to the uppers walls of the existing western extension and replace with plain lime-sand stucco render to a wood float finish. Apply over the striated sand-cement render to the lower walls of the existing western extension with new lime-sand stucco render with Ashlar joints and continue the core building raised string course at the base of the first floor as a stucco band. (Concern over changes to Listed Building and potential contravention of Green Belt policy).

15/05654/FUL Witches Moon Stocking Lane Naphill. HA for demolition of existing side open car port and part demolition of the existing side garage in order to create a detached garage. Construction of part two storey, part first floor rear extension following

part demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of detached outbuilding (garden room) to rear garden.

15/05599/FUL 1, The Glebe Naphill. Householder application for construction of single storey rear/side extension. **15/05614/FUL.** Beehive Cottage, Downley Road, Naphill. Erection of two storey side/rear extension and subdivision of property to re-instate Beehive Cottage as a pair of semi-detached dwellings.

15/05503/FUL. Hunts Cottage, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. HA for creation of new access to Hunts Cottage from Hunts Hill Lane. (Concern over a second access from Hunts Hill Lane close to junction with Louches Lane. Palisade fencing should be specified if part of indigenous hedge is removed.)

Parking Offences

Please see photographs on page 22 of the April N & WA Gazette. Thames Valley Police say it is an offence to park on pavements or to park causing an obstruction. However, in some areas where Police find vehicles parked on pavements, they will take no immediate action provided sufficient space is left on the pavement for a double buggy, wheelchair, or mobility scooter to pass the offending vehicles safely.

Date of next meeting. Thursday, 14th May 2015, Naphill Village Hall.



Gloria Leflaive
563634

Bon Ami

At Bon Ami "Something Chocolatey" is going on! Following our first three chocolate making days we have had to add three more. So popular are these events that we have now booked both daytime and evening times. If you fancy learning about how quality chocolate is produced and in making your very own box of chocolates then please do come in and book a place. Handmade chocolates would make a great Father's Day present. The dates are as follows:

28th April 10-2pm

12th May 7-9.30pm

19th May 10-2pm

16th June 10-2pm



The sun continues to bring customers to our terrace which is always great to see. Also due to the warmth Beechdean ice creams are now back in our freezer. We look forward to serving you soon.



Best wishes,
Amanda & Ruth.



Napfest 5th, 6th and 7th June

'Wild West'



So we are very nearly there! The leaflets and posters should be up very soon and will certainly be by the time you read this. At our last meeting we have now decided how we intend to organise the procession. As I mentioned in last month's Gazette we will NOT be starting at Forge Road and parading down Main Road as we have done previously. So here is the plan for the super Napfest 2015 parade!



Think - Olympics Opening ceremony!



Each organisation, club, pub etc will have their own flag and a flag bearer plus as many others as you wish to join your group. The procession will start from the Scout hut and then walk on to the field. Each group and flag bearer will be announced as they walk around the parade area, hopefully in fancy dress. Everyone will then line up on the running track, still within their groups, so that the costume judging can take place. The winners will then be announced and the Fete prince and princess will open the Fete.



I really hope that this makes sense! Those taking part in the parade will need to be at the Scout hut at 11.30am.

Of course we are getting really, really excited but we still need your help.....



- Help delivering leaflets and putting up posters in advance.
- Friday Night – Volunteers to help man the gates
- Saturday - we desperately need tombola prizes
- Saturday - we need raffle prizes
- Saturday- extra volunteers for stalls
- Cakes, books and bric-a-brac



The next Gazette will publish the Fete plan and introduce this year's fete prince and princess. We can't wait to see you all at some point over this amazing weekend. We know there is something for everyone! Remember to get your tickets for Friday night early from the local pubs and cafes, and to pick up some raffle tickets while you are there! You could win £300 in cash and there are many other great prizes as well. Friday night tickets are available online here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/music-on-the-crick-tickets-15867004638>.



See you all at the Napfest!

The Fete Committee



Classics on the Crick 2015

I can't believe it's a year nearly since we organised the first Classics on the Crick. This year will of course be tinged with sadness after losing one of our team, Jan Pearce, who as you will all know was very involved in the classic car scene and worked tirelessly for pretty much anyone that needed his help! He is greatly missed! Let's hope it's bigger and better this year in memory of Jan! Stepping in to help on the team we now have John Heffer who will be assisting Bill Price in the running of the treasure hunt.

The format will be very much the same with a treasure hunt, farmers market with more stalls and more food than last year. Malt will be running the bar and Bon Ami, Orchard Farm, Mozzarella Nation (pizza and jacket potatoes) as well as Kirsty's Kitchen (the worlds best scotch eggs!) will be providing the refreshments. Alongside these stalls there will be others selling a variety of interesting and fun goods. There will be lot's for the kids as well and the aeroplanes from last year will be returning!

We look forward to seeing you all on the day, either as a visitor or with your treasured classic, be it car, bike or lorry!! To register a vehicle or just to keep up with news, please visit www.classicsonthecrick.co.uk

Ian Bond

Second Hand Emporium 6th June - Fete Day



It is now time to think about all those items in your garage, cupboards, sheds, lofts..... that you no longer want or need. We need these items (well most of them) so please donate them to the second hand emporium.

The second hand emporium is traditionally one of the most important elements of the fundraiser. In previous years it has raised over 10% of the fete's total revenue. This is a massive testament to the volunteers who help gather all the items that are donated and sell them on the day. Without the contributions from Naphill and Walters Ash residents there would be no Second Hand Emporium.



Call Ian Bond now on 01494 564 824 to find out where items can be dropped off.

Volunteers are required to take over the running of this stall from 2016 please!

Book Stall



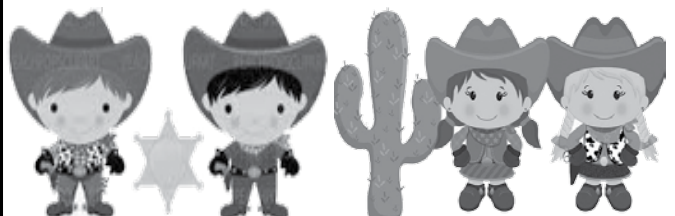
We are happy to receive your good quality paperback adult and children books. Please deliver to Endsleigh Clappins Lane and if we are not in leave on the porch. Should you wish to contact us call 564226.

Please try and avoid bringing books to the Crick on the day of the Fete as we are usually so busy we are unable to check them and put them out for selling.

We must emphasise we are not able to accept poor quality and very old books as our recycling source is no longer available.

Many thanks.

Mike & Pauline Pool



Naphill Tennis Club

IMPROVERS' COACHING

Thinking of returning to tennis but haven't played for a while or just wanting to build up your skills and confidence?

Come and join our coaching sessions for both members and non-members on the following dates:

Starting WEDNESDAY 29 April 9.30 am

A course of 5 x 1 hour lessons at a cost per lesson of

£5 members and £7 non-members

Starting SATURDAY 9 May 9 – 9.45 am

To run alongside Under 7s Club at a cost per lesson of

£3.50 members and £5 non-members

TEAM COACHING

Doubles matchplay tactics for intermediate players who might be interested in playing in a team

**Starting THURSDAY 30
APRIL 7 pm**

A course of 5 x 1 hour lessons at a cost per lesson of

£3.50 members and £5 non-members



JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING

Every Friday evening during the Summer School Term (24 April – 17 July except Friday 29 May)

4 groups based on age and ability

Group 1: 4.15 - 5 pm

Group 2: 5 – 5.45 pm

Group 3: 5.45 – 6.30 pm

Group 4: 6.30 – 7.30 pm

and

UNDER-7s CLUB

Every Saturday during the Summer School Term (25 April – 18 July except Saturday 30 May)

9 am – 9.45



COST: New Members £31 (under 18 yrs) and £24 (under 7 yrs)

which includes membership of Naphill Tennis Club for 2015.

Please contact the Membership Secretary, Sarah Dengel on 01494 563706

or email sarah.dengel1@gmail.com

Second Hand Emporium

Firstly a huge apology for missing last month's Gazette deadline, far too much going on. As usual, this is the time of year when we ask the village to delve into its deepest corners to find those wonderful treasures that make up the Second Hand Emporium, which is such a key earner for the fete and village hall. Please see the ad for details.

I'm sad to say that after 12 years, this will be my final year running the stall so I now ask if there is anyone in the village that would like to take over. I can highly recommend it as interesting, fun and very rewarding! It is hard work but thoroughly worth it. I will of course be on hand to assist and maybe help on the day but it's time to pass on the mantel so I can concentrate on other things.

Ian Bond

Good Companions

Unfortunately, we are unable to meet on Thursday 7 May in Hughenden Hall due to the Elections. However, we are meeting for lunch at The Wheel at 12.30 for 1.00pm.

On Thursday 4 June we will be entertained by The Chiltern W.I. Singers and on Thursday 2 July with a quiz. So we look forward to seeing you if you are interested.

Pam Herman (Sec) 562019

Christians in the Community'

We hope you enjoyed the Easter holidays. On Good Friday you may have seen some members of our congregation carrying a heavy wooden cross from the Harrow to the church in Hughenden, a solemn reminder of the events of 2000 years ago. On Easter Sunday we celebrated the rebirth of Christ and the children particularly enjoyed the Easter egg hunt at the end of the service.

And now on to the NAPFEST – we will be there – perhaps in our own marquee this year – come and see what we have planned!



Norma Clarke

St. Botolph's Services

3rd May	Eucharist	11am	Revd Nigel Lacey
10th May	Eucharist	11am	Revd Linda Richardson
17th May	Eucharist	11am	Revd Jenny Ellis
24th May	Matins	11am	To be announced
31st May	Benefice Service	11am	Revd Nigel Lacey and Jenny Ellis

Peggy Ewart

A Letter from Our Methodist Minister

Immediately after Easter, my wife and I spent a wonderful week at Dinan in Brittany. The glorious weather lured us into a long walk each day, around Dinan, or along the coast near Dinard. All told we walked 50 or 60 miles, which is a long way for us!

It set me thinking about walking. How daft is it to travel to France when we have excellent walking routes on our doorstep?! Of course we would never get round to so many walks if we stayed at home! We would feel the need to see to some urgent job at home. But 400 miles away, with a dodgy mobile signal and no WiFi, and the threat of “roaming charges”, meant that we were free to go walking.

We'd had a busy few weeks and were tired and stressed, but as we walked, we left much of that behind. We admired the scenery, the Spring flowers, the birds, people's gardens, and the blue sky. We chatted about these, but we also talked of deeper things and personal issues. I find it easier to talk about tricky and contentious matters walking side by side, than looking directly at someone.

So by the end of the week, we were a lot fitter in body (apart from an odd blister!), but a lot calmer mentally, and enjoying a much better attitude to each other!

If we had stayed at home, on the Sunday after Easter I would have been preaching about two people walking to Emmaus when a stranger drew alongside and walked with them, and they all talked about the goings-on in Jerusalem where Jesus had been crucified, and now his body had disappeared and there were claims that he'd been seen alive. Only after much discussion did they realise that the stranger was in fact Jesus, alive. Now you may wonder how they did not recognise him before, or you may ask why Jesus didn't just introduce himself, or indeed many other questions! Yet this brief testimony from the two witnesses, and a few other appearances of Jesus, transformed the lives of his followers then, and caused the foundation of his church.

In those days walking was a more normal means of transport, and there are many biblical instances of Jesus walking and talking with his disciples, teaching them as they walked along. There seemed no rush, but there was a background urgency and a purposefulness. A far cry from our world where everyone is rushing somewhere, but not clear where to, or why.

It would do us good to go and walk in the fresh air, be it in the Chilterns or Brittany. It would do us good sometimes to put aside the apparently urgent claims upon our lives, get the hamster off the wheel, and adjust to walking pace. It would do us good to walk and talk, of trivia and of deeper things.

See what steps you can take to change your life.



Mike Hill
(Minister for Naphill Methodist Church)

Picture This

I'm really chuffed to say that my last month's 'man-on-a-mission' request for pictures for the Gazette delivered the goods. Peter Davis sent us this month's glorious cover picture of a magnificent Oak on the Common all dressed up in the vibrant green of late Spring, contrasted with the intense blue of Bluebells. It simply invites you to walk into the picture.

And I'm still on that mission; so do send your pictures.

In complete contrast to the cover-picture, on a grey, cold, windy Saturday in early April, I was teaching someone the art of large format photography. Large Format photography uses film and you might not be surprised to hear that the film is.....large.

In fact the film comes in single sheets (one sheet per picture) that measure 125mm x 100mm (which is 5" x 4" in old money) and is why the camera is called a 5x4 large format camera.

So why am I telling you this story? Well, my pupil is a very successful commercial photographer who wants to change his approach to his photography. Right now, weddings and portraits are his speciality. As we worked together, he told me stories such as having to cope with hundreds of wedding guests, all wanting to have their photograph 'taken' with the Bride & Groom. Scary stuff for any photographer, and picture this: not only does he have to 'take' the photographs, he also has to keep the Bride & Groom and their parents happy and smiling as they go through this ordeal.

He told me that he loved the quality that you can only get from film; I understand that, film does have a very different feel to digital. And he said that he wanted to slow down and think more about what he is doing as he created his pictures – and I also understand that.

After a couple of hours on the technical stuff about a 5 x 4 camera, we ventured out into the cold carrying 15kgs of camera gear and 12 sheets of film. We worked for 4 hours in two locations. Bradenham Manor was our first and 'Vicar of Dibley' Turville our second. And he made just 2 pictures.

"Sometimes" he said, "for me, making a photograph is like a meditation. It is Mindfulness. Sometimes I don't even need to see the photograph. Creating it is enough"

By the time you read this, the Bluebells will be in full bloom and the air filled with that magical perfume. Bluebells are very willing models and photographically, they really do deserve your full attention. So slow down, find your pictures, breathe in and press the shutter and enjoy your photography.



Richard Holroyd
www.richardholroydphotography.com



Best Kept Village Competition

As you know, the Village Hall Council has decided to enter the Best Kept Village Competition again this year, the third time in a row. We have had two highly commended certificates so far. It would be a great result if we could win the DeFraine Cup this year – third time lucky. Except it will not be luck but hard work! It takes effort from many people to ensure our village looks the best it can. It is a very attractive place to live but requires vigilance to keep it so.

Jobs which need doing are as follows:-

Litter picking - the Guides will be tidying the Crick w/b April 13th. Great to have some young people involved. However, we shall have to keep on top of this throughout the spring and summer if we are to look our best. I have a supply of 'litter pickers' available on request to anyone who is willing to pick up litter regularly. Just ring!

Sign cleaning - street signs and highways signs are all rather green after the wet winter. Perhaps there is one near you which could be kept in good order? It would be really helpful if those of us that are able to do so could deal with litter picking and sign cleaning close to our homes.

Noticeboards - the Friends of Naphill Common will be sprucing up the information boards on the Common. The Village Hall one will be given a bit of a clean and the notices will continue to be kept up to date.

Posters on poles - these will be removed. There are some which are very bedraggled and should not be on poles anyway! No more, please.

Weeds - weeds are beginning to appear at the bottom of walls. Garden walls, shop walls, village hall walls may all need to be weeded.

Please get in touch for more information, or with offers of help, or for a litter picker!

Peggy
565969

A New Keep Fit Opportunity in Naphill



I should like to introduce myself. My name is Rebecca or Bex for short and I am a fully qualified REPS fitness instructor and personal trainer.

I believe that there should be more to exercise than keeping fit and losing weight. I want people to have fun, feel energised and reduce their levels of stress. Now please don't get me wrong! You will work hard at my classes, and go home needing a good shower, but my goal is to make you feel good about yourself.

Your goal is simply to turn up on a Saturday or Sunday morning, both would be even better at Naphill Village Crick, 10.30am. All you need is a pair of trainers, loose fitting clothing, a water bottle and a willingness to give it a try. First class is on me.

Rebecca Davis - 078840 98280

Naphill Scouts

The scouts had an action packed finish to last term. Our work on the Challenge badges continues with the Fitness Challenge being one we are working on at the moment. A number of scouts have completed remaining elements of other Challenge badges and these were awarded right at the end of term. We now have one scout who has completed eight Challenge badges and so is eligible for his Chief Scouts Gold Award, the highest award available to Scouts, and we are arranging an evening this term when our District Commissioner will be attending to award the badge.

One other badge the scouts achieved last term was the Car Mechanic badge. We are very grateful to John Walton and his team at Perrys Ford in High Wycombe who opened up their workshops and showroom to our scouts to achieve this. They took the scouts through the full syllabus for the badge including how to change a wheel, basic maintenance and how an engine and gearbox works. Twenty two scouts and one enthusiastic parent attended although the parent was unfortunately too old to be awarded the badge!



The term finished with an energetic, fun Easter egg hunt on the Crick to blow off some steam before Easter. We also invested six new scouts who joined us during the term bringing our current numbers up to thirty two.



In the summer term we will be spending as much time as we can outdoors. We are planning two camps and hope to finish the Fitness Challenge for those working towards it, as well as our cook outs, climbing and a host of other scout activities.



Mark Powell

Naphillscouts@aol.com

Paul Tucker 1934 - 2015



Paul and his late wife Audrey were staunch members of Naphill Methodist Church and very much involved in helping and caring people within our community.

It was with sadness that I learnt of Paul's recent death and I extend my condolences to his family, friends and to the congregation at Naphill Methodist Church

Sonia



Himself, always pleased of an excuse to go out and about with his camera gear, has been following Richard Holdroyd's suggestion and he has been busy photographing our beautiful local wild flowers. This month I am sharing one of my favourite photographs from his forays, primroses.

Sonia



Naphill & Walters Ash School Report

We love learning outside and to make our school an even more enjoyable and exciting place to learn, WANSA gave each year a budget to design and build outside. With the budget the teachers and the year groups chose how they'd like to improve the outdoor areas in our school. Before we get started we were wondering if anyone could *please* be kind enough to donate either their time, expertise or the items we need.

Year 6 are trying to make an outdoor stage for all the classes to play and perform on. To make this happen, they need:

- A Carpenter or Fencer to build it
- Outdoor paint
- Timber/ decking



For Year 3's pallet den we will be using:

- Guy ropes and tent pegs
- Shed paint
- 10 L shaped brackets and screws
- Ground sheet

Year 5 are making an outdoor story circle with wooden benches and a story throne. To make it we need:

- Volunteers - Everyone is welcome to help
- Benches
- Outdoor Paint
- Wood
- Carpenters or people with experience of crafting wood

Year 4 are hoping to create a tyre playground to play at on lunchtimes. Do you have?

- Outdoor paint
- Gloss paint
- Small digger
- Wood chipping



Year 1 want to make a forest school on the field because they like the one in the forest so much. It will require:

- Top soil
- Stepping logs or stones (NOT slabs)
- Trowels and forks
- Garden ornaments
- Logs
- Rope
- Swings
- Crates

We all really need some of the resources listed above to be donated because we can't afford them all. We hope that some people will volunteer to help us, this would be much appreciated. Please help our dreams become realities. If you can help us in any way please contact the school office.



By Cordelia Thompson and Manik Gurung,
Year 6 Editorial Team



Jean Lawrence Mann

13 January 1918 – 16 March 2015



Photograph courtesy of Clive Lawrence

How can you cover such a long life in so little time? To be honest I am not even sure where to start but perhaps the words written by her Canadian niece Jeanne might be a good way.

"I was so sorry to hear about Auntie Jean...she was a lovely lady....all my memories of her are so good...she was always smiling and up for anything, a truly fun person to be around. When I was 16 and visiting England (with my sister Lynda) she taught me to drive her car, took us horse back riding and up to Newcastle to see the Small Faces and stand in the dressing room where the Beatles had been the night before".

Jean was born in 1918, a year we only know about from the history books. She was born, grew up and spent her entire life in Naphill. She referred to herself as a "Naphillite". She travelled a little and befriended everybody she met.

I can't tell you an awful lot about her childhood but I think it was a happy one. She was one of eight children born to William and Minnie (nee Lacey) Lawrence and she was brought up in a bungalow on Downley Road which as well as home was also the local shop. She often recalled stories about keeping shop and helping to raise the youngest sibling, Tony, my dad.

In the back garden there was a tennis court where Jean played tennis with her family and friends. This bungalow was Jean's home for most of the first 70 years of her life, although there were some significant changes in that time. All Jean's brothers and sisters got married and this left her at the bungalow looking after her father William after her mother died. The bungalow was extended and became two homes when Tony and his new wife Amanda needed a home.

Jean always enjoyed fun and games with the growing family of nephews and nieces. Some fifty years later you will hear the next generation, Gavin's and Margos children, telling similar stories. In her nineties she was still playing cricket on the Crick with her nephews and great nephews and nieces, that is until she took a fall trying to take a catch and the older nephews and nieces told her it was probably time for a sit down; Jean humoured us and did not protest, but she was soon back in her garden playing catch with the children on their next visit.

Children in fact were one of the biggest focuses in my Auntie's life. She was fabulously generous and diligent with nephew and nieces birthdays and was also happy to baby sit and entertain the young members of the family. It was not only Canadian

niece Jeanne that got to drive under aunties supervision, I remember being allowed, as a 13 year old to drive auntie's Austin A35 up and down the factory drive.

Aunty was a talented musician and she encouraged all the younger family members to develop their skills. We all loved to play on the piano in her front room. However little talent we exhibited as we tapped out our little tunes, Jean never asked us to stop. Fortunately for Jean there was a shining star amongst the many tuneless ones. My son Jason was one of these. Jean took him under her wing. and with her encouragement, Jason became a very talented organist who started his musical career here in Naphill and went on to take a post as an organist in Norway. Jean was enormously proud of Jason's achievements. Jean's lifelong faith meant she dealt with most deaths in an unquestioning way but the far too early passing of both Jason and Darren, her sister Phyl's grandson, rocked her.

I don't think many people saw Jean get angry, such was her patience, but Margo did! She tells how her Aunty got angry at her when she failed to clear up the deposits which her pony left on the bungalow drive and which Grampy then trod in and carried on his boots indoors. That was it, just the once and on that occasion, who could blame her!

Jean was well travelled. She visited Canada several times in order to see her sister Betty and Betty's family. She also travelled to Italy and I believe, as a Girl Guider, she and her friend Vera Goodchild embarked on other fun expeditions and adventures.

After leaving school Aunty trained as a secretary and spent her entire working life employed at Wycombe Council. For most of this time she worked in the children's department. She often told us how much she enjoyed her work. Although she was not directly working with children she clearly took a keen interest in them. Aside from her paid work connecting her to children, there was her voluntary work. She helped at the Sunday School which later became The Discoverers' Club.

She became despondent at the falling numbers at church and particularly in the falling numbers of youngsters. She had wanted to start a Children's choir but sadly this didn't quite come to fruition. Jean supported many charities but her favourites were Save the Children, the Poppy Appeal and the National Children's Home.

Jean was generous and giving of her time for the young, the sick and the old. One of my earliest memories is of Jean's friend Shirley who was also a teacher at Naphill First School. Auntie spent time visiting Shirley and taking her meals when she was dying of cancer. I am certain that there were many people before Shirley and numerous since who were touched by her kindness. To me she was the Saint of Naphill, always visiting others and always being kind and generous. Even in her very last months she had the same approach. I recall a conversation where she advised that she still

liked to go and visit the elderly in the village, then adding "well of course I am a lot older than some of them"! She spent some time in the care home at Saunderton at the beginning of this year and she was still asking the staff if she could help by making and taking round cups of tea.

Jean never sought reward for her caring and kindness, it was such a natural instinct. However, she did get rewarded when looking after her brother Tony after he suffered his first and subsequent strokes. When Tony married, his best man was Ted Mann. Ted had married but by the time he was visiting his old friend Tony, he was a widower. Whilst visiting Tony, who was also my Dad, Ted met Jean. Their friendship from years earlier was renewed, love blossomed, and at the grand old age of 79, in May 1997, Jean married, for the first time, to the younger, 70 year old Ted at Naphill Methodist Church. They both sold their homes, combined their funds, bought their bungalow at 54 Main Road and settled happily into married life. They lived there together until Ted's death 5 years ago. Jean stayed in this bungalow until her own recent death.

Devastated by Ted's death but not despondent, Jean then focused on caring for ailing sister Phyl at Beehive Cottage, the home built by their Grandfather, well over a century earlier. Phyl died just over a year ago aged 100. Soon afterwards Jean's lifelong and very special friend Vera passed away too. Jean lost her last connections with her youth and with that her vitality and love for life diminished. Jean didn't get the end of life she deserved or wanted but I am sure all the kindness she shared with everybody she met in her life will ensure that there is a next journey for her, as she firmly believed there would be, it will be among smiling friends and family, welcoming her to join them.

So that's it, a few memories which I hope shed some light on Jean's character and very long life here in Naphill. I am sorry these recollections are nearly all family based and perhaps do not fairly reflect Jean's life. The family meant a lot to her as did her community, her church and her great faith and love of God.



*Clive Lawrence
with a lot of help from my cousin Margo.*

Naphill Neighbours

Spring is treating us to a blaze of blossom and haven't the roadside Daffodils been especially lovely? Summer really doesn't seem so far away as I write this report in warm April sunshine.

The Village Hall was filled with laughter at our club's April meeting when Malcom Nelson talked about his 40 year career with HM Customs and Excise at Heathrow airport. It was not only very humorous but very informative – one of the best speakers we have had.

Next on the club's agenda is our May meeting on Monday 11th, when John Bates will take us on A JOLLY ALONG HADRIAN'S WALL.

The Village Fete – NAPFEST – is rapidly approaching and on Saturday 6 June we will, as usual, be running our CAKE STALL and request members to donate home-baked cakes, scones, etc. and home-made preserves – otherwise a cash donation would be most welcome. Also we would greatly appreciate home-baked cakes from people outside the club, too. Please bring them along to our stall in the marquee on the Crick between 10.00 – 11.00am on Fete Day, or if it is more convenient, to Hazel at Irvin Cottage, 80 Main Road, at any time beforehand so they can be frozen. THANK YOU ALL in anticipation.

Our next outing takes place on Thursday 2 June, when we will be spending the day in the Cotswolds. Full details were published in last month's Gazette. If you are interested please call Hazel on 563977. You do not have to be a member – everyone is most welcome. P.S. There is not a lot of walking involved!

Hazel Vickery 563977

Naphill Horticultural Society

PLANT SALE 16TH MAY 9.00- 10.30

As I write, Spring has definitely sprung and the sun is shining, making our thoughts turn to making the garden look fabulous for the summer. To help you with your plans, our Plant Sale this year takes place at the Village Hall on Saturday May 16th from 9.00 – 10.30am. This is the perfect opportunity to buy all the plants you need to make your garden flourish, whether you think you may need drought tolerant or water loving plants!. There is always a good range of flowers, vegetables, herbs and some shrubs, all locally grown and at very reasonable prices, so do come along and have a look.

Should you be inundated with plants you have grown yourselves and be interested in having a table to sell your surplus stock, you can book one through me at a cost of just £5.

There are still a few seats left for our outing to Wisley gardens on Sunday 14th June, so if you would like to join us please give Janet Judge a call on 563186. The trip is free to members and the coach will leave the Village hall at 9.00 am and depart from Wisley for the return journey at 4.00 pm.

Now is the time to start planning your exhibits for one (or both) of our shows. The shows are for anyone with an interest in gardening and we welcome all entries great or small. We have had several new exhibitors over the last couple of years who have been surprised at how much fun it is, and often win prizes.

You certainly don't have to be a professional to exhibit in our shows, just enthusiastic; the main thing is that exhibiting should be fun! So, to try and

help you, we have put together some information and guidelines in both the schedule and on our website, explaining exactly what is required for each class. You can also contact us for any advice you may require, we are all only too happy to help.

If you have exhibited previously, you should already have received your copy of this year's schedule. Alternatively, you can pick one up at the plant sale, Bon Ami, The Post Office or from me. If you prefer, you can download the schedule from the website. So, no excuses- have a look and, more importantly, have a go!

Membership subscriptions are now due for those who were not at the annual dinner, and remain at £1 per person. Again you can pay at the Plant Sale or via any Committee Member.

See you all at the Plant Sale.

Cathryn Carter

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www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Naphill Evening W.I.

At our March meeting we had a virtual tour of Windsor Castle when our speaker, Mr Grout, told us a little of the history and then took us through the various rooms and St George's Chapel. Also in March, we hosted the Disraeli Group Meeting when we were entertained by The Lantern Singers. They had three excellent soloists, one of whom was the grand-daughter of one of our members, which made it even more special.

The April meeting on 16th will bring Linda Gransby talking on Scrapbooking our Photos and Memories, which is something that the Craft Group touched upon at their last meeting. It would be so nice if some of our members could produce a Scrapbook as the modern approach to storing photos seems to be on "the cloud". The competition is for a special photograph.

Plans have been finalised for the trip to Adam's Farm in May and some members will be going to Waddesdon Manor in June to celebrate the WI Centenary.

The Food Group have had lunch at the Cross Keys in Great Missenden and by the time you read this will have had an evening meal at the Potters Arms in Winchmore Hill. Their May venture is to Hildreth's in Prestwood for a coffee morning.

The Book Club have also been busy, reading The House at Riverton by Kate Morton, a story of love and mystery, as well as Small Wars by Sadie Jones about Cyprus in the 1950s.

You will have to wait until later in the summer to see what the Craft Group have been up to.

Carol Gilliam.

Hughenden Parish Council News

As I am writing this we remain gripped in Election limbo. The country still seems to be functioning and if anything the weather seems to have improved.

You, however are reading this in a post-election glow (or glower depending on your political flavouring) or we might still be waiting for the white smoke to signal the end of the bun fight and some cobbled together alliance to keep the government rolling on and the country on its feet.

Meanwhile, at the Parish Council we have no such election doubts. It's a done deal, all neatly sewn up back on April 10th when we knew that only 3 valid nominations had been received for the four NAWA ward council seats. I cannot hide my disappointment that out of some 2,260 eligible people (according to the Electoral Register) we could not find enough to fill all four seats let alone have more than that to trigger a contested election. That leaves you with Dennis Hackling and myself back for more and can now welcome Chris Waterton to the fold as a brand new Councillor. In his own words Chris says - I am pleased to have the opportunity to help maintain the enjoyable way of life that our environment and community provides and look forward to working closely with fellow councillors in the future - You can reach us via nawa@hughendenpc.org.uk and via our individual details as always found at the front of the Gazette.

On behalf of all NAWA residents may I wish the very best to our outgoing Councillors, Roger Beavil and Phil Conran. We haven't just lost two Naphill & Walter's Ash ward councillors but also our council's Chair and Vice-Chair. They will be very hard to replace. We owe them a massive thank you for all the time and effort that they have so selflessly given during their time in office. Perhaps this is an opportune moment to remind readers that all our councillors are unpaid volunteers who give up their time and energy first to get elected and then to serve a four year term before doing it all over again if they so wish. Please join me in wishing them both the very best for the future and to hope that whatever time they would have otherwise spent on Council Business is enjoyed to the fullest.

Our Parish Council is also sad to be losing other stalwarts of our wider community. We have to say goodbye to well over 30 years worth of local knowledge and experience with the standing down of Cllr Ian Guy and Cllr Hugh McCarthy among others.

From a glance at our past, we must now take a long, hard look to the future. There is much to be done. First we have our Annual Council meeting on May 12th where we will elect our new Council Chair, Vice-Chair and Committee Chairs and their members. Then just 48hrs later the new Council will hold its public Annual Parish meeting where the outgoing Chairman will hand over to the new and there will be a guest speaker – look out for details via noticeboards/Facebook/ our website. There is

not much more I can say about the direction and actions we will be taking given the new council has not met yet and I'm still here in April wondering if the weather is this good, why we shouldn't consider having a General Election every year...

Your Parish Councillors
Dennis Hackling, Chris Waterton & Peter Williams

Friends of Naphill Common

Despite the state of the Common the signs of spring are beginning to appear. Chiffchaffs have been heard, blackcaps are around, great spotted woodpeckers are drumming away and green woodpeckers are yaffling. A handsome pair of stock doves are nesting in a hole in an oak, there is frogspawn in at least two ponds and some palmate newts and a toad have been spotted. So it is worth braving the mud to take a walk and see what is about.

The Chiltern Rangers and other volunteers joined our working party to clear scrub from around Daisy, Shipwash and Lady Horse ponds, and we made quite a difference. Much more light can now reach the ponds and this should stimulate the growth of vegetation which, in turn, will encourage the invertebrates and amphibians that were once there. We would like to thank all those who helped. The work at Shipwash was particularly revealing. It had been so overgrown that it looked one of the smallest ponds on the Common, but now it you will be able to see what a large and complex arrangement of hollows and banks it is.

What all the ponds lack is open water because they have become so choked with leaf litter and other debris. We intend starting a programme of dredging, but it has to be done carefully and in small stages so as not to disturb or remove too much of the pond life. In recent times Daisy pond has had the most vegetation and we will have to remove some of the floating sweet-grass, flag iris and leaf litter to give a little more open water. This pond is particularly important because it has, in the past, produced the internationally rare star-fruit. The seeds of this flower are almost certainly still in the mud at the bottom of the pond. Traditionally they were stimulated into germination by the feet of cattle drinking from the pond. Perhaps our work will have a similar effect and we shall see them once again.

Our survey of all of the significant trees on the Common is now almost complete. Besides being an informative record of our Common it has already served us well in enabling us to mark the trees that must be left untouched by the felling. We have been particularly careful to record the ancient pollards that originally stood in what was pastureland grazed by cattle and sheep: some of the trees must be well over 300 years old and host to a complex flora and fauna.

The patch of invasive Japanese knotweed, roughly opposite Beehive Cottage, is sprouting up again.

It is difficult to eliminate. Last year we injected poison into the larger stems around the perimeter of the patch and it is gratifying to see that it has not appeared where we did so, but the rest of the area will need treatment. The landowners, West Wycombe Estate, are ultimately responsible for its removal and they have assured us that they will carry out the work.

You will be very welcome on our regular walks. Ron Collins leads the longer walks of about five miles (2½ to 3 hours) on the third Monday of each month and the dates are as follows: 18th May, 15th June, 20th July, 17th Aug, 21st Sept, 19th Oct, 16th Nov and 21st Dec. Meet at the Village Hall at 9.25am for a start at 9.30am sharp. Chris Miller leads our short walks (2 to 3 miles) starting at 10.30am from the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month. Our working parties, organised by Peter Davis, usually meet on the first Sunday (and sometimes on the third Sunday) of the month and will continue to open up the paths and clear scrub around the ponds.

Full details of all our activities can be found on our web site at naphillcommon.org.uk or follow us on Twitter @NaphillCommon. Look out for our programme of events and activities, soon to be announced.



Chris Miller Chairman.

The Wheel

What a cracking Easter (no pun intended)! The improvement in weather definitely brought you all out to play on the Sunday and Monday. It made for a very happy weekend with everyone smiling sat out in the garden enjoying the sun with a pint or three. The Lions Club had their annual Easter Egg Raffle here and I'm pleased to say the Tereasa won it this year and we raised £272 which was all in aid of McMillan Cancer this year.

It has been a strange few weeks without any rugby and with such an amazing finish to the Six Nations weekend it has definitely been missed by many of us. The sweepstake, run by Princes Risborough Rugby Club, helped create some banter between the customers! Congratulations to Paul Daly and myself as we came top of the table for The Wheel. Bad luck for the rest of you.

Now that spring has sprung, and the evenings are getting lighter and longer, the new summer menu will be running by the time you read this. We will be continuing our speciality evenings, but due to popular demand, we are changing them to Saturday nights. They will be well advertised outside and inside the pub and also in the Gazette so please remember to get them in your diaries.

So what's coming up....

First May Bank Holiday - 4th May open at 12pm

Burger Night - 9th May

Second May Bank Holiday - 25th May open at 12pm

Napfest - 5th, 6th & 7th June

Father's Day - 21st June

We would also like to take this time to inform the village that The Wheel will be closed on Saturday the 13th June from 6pm till 4pm on Sunday the 14th June for a private function. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

As always thank you to all our customers and staff over the last few months and we hope to see you all soon.

Claire and Mark

Shear Madness

May is my favourite month of the year, long warm sunny days and evenings spent sitting in the garden relaxing. This is not an option for two of my customers, Nik Smith and Simon Steptoe, who inspired by Lynn's battle against cancer, are both undertaking fund raising events.

Nik is running **The Bupa 10.000 London** for MacMillan on the 25 May. Nik would be the first to say that he is not a natural athlete and he has just turned 50! Simon is doing **The London to Brighton Cycle Race** on Father's Day for Florence Nightingale House. He has been training hard by cycling up Kop Hill and on here to the shop but again, he not a natural athlete. SO! Good luck boys, you are definitely going to need it! I will have collection tins at the shop if anybody wishes to donate and support these guys.



Mandy

The Black Lion

The weather is hotting up and the flowers are starting to bloom, so here at The Black Lion we are getting busier and our fantastic garden is coming into its own again with the bouncy castle and football goal in full use. We had a fantastic Easter and hope that you all enjoyed the unusually good bank holiday weather.

Now that Easter is over for another year, our next big event is our Macmillan Fun Day. It will take place on Saturday 9 May. There will be a penalty shoot out, The Black Lion Bake off, face painting, and a raffle, and also lots more to come. If that is not enough, there will be a hog roast in the evening with a disco and an auction of promises. We raised an amazing £2500 last year and hope to beat it this year. With your support I'm sure we can. If you would like to offer us a prize for our raffle or auction, they will be more than gratefully received. Just get in touch!

We have lots of sport on BT with the football season coming to a nail biting climax, then the rugby world cup coming up and the Formula One Season off to a flying start. Who will you be cheering on?

We still hold our very successful Quiz Night on the first Sunday of every month, so if you are at a loose end on a Sunday evening, why not come along and put your general knowledge skills to the test.

Finally, now that the good weather is here, our chef is working hard to produce a brand new menu to tempt your taste buds. We hope that you will come and see us and let us know what you think! Thank you all once again for continued support we really do appreciate all your custom.

Manager, staff and friends at the Black Lion

News from RAF High Wycombe

Recently the Station Commander, Group Captain Phil Lester, had a very productive meeting with Parish Councillor Mr Peter Williams where safety and security in and around RAF High Wycombe, and maintaining the integration and engagement between the local community and the station, were discussed at length.

Station staff are looking to confirm processes and procedures to ensure that we can continue to interact and socialise together, please bear with us during this period. Group Captain Lester will continue the close engagement with the Parish Council to ensure the local community are kept informed.

For more information please contact the RAF High Wycombe Media Officer, Flight Lieutenant Andy Keeley at HWY-AdmWgMCO@mod.uk or 01494 494454.

A Salute to the Commonwealth

Wycombe District Council took part in the international celebration of Commonwealth Day on the 9th of March as 730 flags were raised simultaneously across the globe. Senior Aircraftsman Sanga Quamina of Trinidad and Tobago raised the flag whilst the Deputy Station Commander, Wing Commander Paul Zakary, gave the salute.

Sanga, who works in Personnel Services Flight at RAF High Wycombe, said "It was an honour to raise the Commonwealth Flag on this important day. It is the first time I have taken on this responsibility and I hope to have the opportunity again in the future"

The theme for 2015 is 'A Young Commonwealth', and when announcing the theme the Commonwealth Secretary-General Kamalesh Sharma said "A Young Commonwealth recognises the capacity, contribution and potential of young people, who play a vital role at the heart of sustainable development and democracy."

This was the second consecutive year that Commonwealth Day has been marked with a flag-raising ceremony outside the Wycombe District Council. The event saw local authorities, civic dignitaries, community groups and charities join

together in local flag-raising events and ceremonies. A specially written Affirmation of the Commonwealth and a message from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was read aloud at the ceremony, before the raising of the flag worldwide at 10 o'clock GMT.

The ceremony was hosted by the Chairman of Wycombe District Council, Councillor Lesley Clarke OBE, who said "The event is an opportunity for communities to mark Commonwealth Day and celebrate the shared goals of democracy, development and respect for diversity."

Flg Off Kyle Evans

Bucks Open Studios 2015

This will be our 30th year and will take place from 6th - 21st June 2015

This is the largest FREE visual arts event in the county. In June every year over 500 artists and makers, in over 200 different venues across Buckinghamshire, open their studios and run exhibitions and events for the public to visit. Brochures will be available from May at libraries, shops and from our artists homes. These will also be available from 22 May at 87 Main Road where, as in previous years, these will be in a box on the wall for you to help yourself.

There are nine artists to visit in the Naphill area

David White - Handmade Stringed Instruments
Hughenden

Lesley Taylor and Debbie White - Textiles &
Sculpture Hughenden

Keith Wilkins - Sculptor/Painter Naphill

Veronica Wilkins - Contemporary Painting and
Ceramics Naphill

Olive Dancer - Artist
Naphill

Susan Wharton - Traditional Observation
Naphill Common

Glenn & Martin Hart - Mixed Media
Waterbased Photography Speen

Please look out for the signs and come and see as many of these great exhibitions as you can!



GKCS PROMS IN THE FIELD



Join Great Kingshill Combined School on Sunday 17 May for an afternoon of family musical entertainment, including a Proms finale. Featuring Chiltern Concert Band, school choir and instrumental ensembles. Bring your own picnic. Family ticket £20. For tickets or more information, contact the school office on 01494 713159

PIN UP DIARY

May

4 May	Early May Bank Holiday Monday
6 May	FONC Short Walk - start Naphill Village Hall 10.30am
7 May	Election Day Good Companions Lunch - The Wheel Naphill 12.30pm
9 May	Family Fun Day - The Black Lion Burger Night - The Wheel
12 May	Something Chocolatey - Bon Ami 7-9.30pm
16 May	Naphill Horticultural Society Plant Sale - Village Hall 9-10.30am
18 May	FONC Long Walk start Naphill Village Hall 9.30am
19 May	Something Chocolatey - Bon Ami 10am -2pm
25 May	Spring Bank Holiday

June

2 June	Naphill Neighbours - Day in the Cotswolds
3 June	FONC Short Walk - start Naphill Village Hall 10.30am
5 June	NAPFEST - Music on the Crick
6 June	NAPFEST - Fete Day on the Crick
7 June	NAPFEST - Classics on the Crick
14 June	Naphill Horticultural Society - Trip to Wisley Gardens
15 June	FONC Long Walk start Naphill Village Hall 9.30am
16 June	Something Chocolatey - Bon Ami 10am -2pm
21 June	Father's Day

The Final Word

This evening I have received an email from Adam Turner. Adam lives in the northern Highlands of Scotland and was recently visiting his parents here in Naphill. He has certainly put paid to my theory that nobody who resides beyond our village boundaries is interested in reading the Gazette. Having read my editorial Adam has written a very well informed letter telling me just how important the National Libraries are in preserving our heritage and informing me why it is important that we should deposit copies of our magazine with these libraries.

I have at this point all but finalised the magazine and so I am unable to publish his letter this month but subject to space availability next month, it is the NAPFEST of course, I shall look forward to sharing his letter with you and I thank him, most sincerely, for writing to me.

On behalf of the Gazette I extend my thanks to our retiring Parish Councillors Roger Beavil and Phil Conran for all their kindness, hardwork and support. We welcome back Dennis Hackling and Peter Williams and extend a warm welcome to our new councillor, Chris Waterson. I look forward to receiving lots of great reports from you gentlemen.

This month I thank Peter Davis for our beautiful May cover picture. Bluebells! The promise that Summer really is almost here and a glorious cover picture.

Finally my thanks to all our contributors and I look forward to receiving all your contributions for the June Gazette on or before 15 May please.



Sonia

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Naphill and Walter's Ash Clubs and Organisations

Club or Organisation	Meeting Day	Location	Contact
Adult Ballet	Wednesdays 6.15-7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Pam Sheen 716384
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30-6.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6 -7.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571 ruth.daly3@btinternet.com
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 700-8.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30-11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Walter's Ash	
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45-10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	RAF Walter's Ash	Phil Crawford 07500 007644
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Mondays 4.45-8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Elaine Tucker 816539 07974 121081 elainetuckeret@aol.com
	Tuesdays 3.30-7.30pm		
	Wednesdays 3.45-6.15pm		
Friends of Naphill Common (FONC)	Various	Various	Trevor Hussey 563767
Good Companions	First Thursday every month	Hughenden Village Hall	Sheila Veysey 562332
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7-8.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8-9pm	Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
Jujitsu	Monday Evening	RAF Walter's Ash	Holly 07957 727054
Line Dancing	Tuesdays 8-9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wilmot 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile Library	Wednesday 10.55-11.30am 11.35 -11.55am 12.05 -12.20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month 7.45 for 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Naphill Women's Fellowship	Wednesday afternoons 2pm	Methodist Church	Betty Jones 564469
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30 and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Wednesdays 7.30pm Thursdays 5.45pm		
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30 -9.15pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillscouts@aol.com
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1, until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Tennis Club Senior Sessions	Sundays 1.30pm	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david @tvemf.org Sarah Dengel 563706 sarah.dengel1@gmail.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com
	Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am		
	Wednesdays 9.30am Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.00pm		
Junior Coaching - Summer school term-only	Fridays 4.15-7.30pm Saturday 9-9.45am under 7s		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8.00-10.00pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah Bacon 563479
Viper Explorer Scouts	Fridays 7.30-9.30pm	Scouts & Guide Hut Naphill	Richard Adams 07782 328148 richard@dams.me.uk
Yoga Stretch and Tone	Tuesdays 1.30-2.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
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Editorial

Yesterday Himself and I went to Ashridge and drove through the glorious Buckinghamshire countryside returning home through Wendover Woods. It was a great opportunity to enjoy all the beauty of late Spring, the bluebells, cowslips, the fresh green leaves and the multi coloured blossoms and to look forward to what we hope will be a long, hot Summer.

Of course, summer heralds the Napfest Festival. I know that the Napfest Committee have been working tirelessly to create this very special, three day village festival and I am sure that we are all looking forward to enjoying the fruits of their hard work. I should be very grateful if all your reports, photographs etc could please be with me on or before 15 June. The July Gazette will be running the usual 4 page centre spread to celebrate this event.

I thought this might be a good opportunity to pose a question. "Just what does the editor of the Naphill and Walter's Ash Gazette do?"

I volunteered to do this job and as I have often said, little did I know just what I was letting myself in for, nor did I reckon on the very steep, ongoing learning curve which would be involved.

My major task is collecting all the material for the magazine, all the advertisements, all the articles the photographs and local news items. These can come to me in various formats. They might be hand written and popped through the letterbox, they can be emails, email attachments, providing my computer will open these there is no problem. I don't need to specify font or within reason, size. I read everything carefully, make any adjustments I deem necessary and they are 'placed' in the magazine in the font and format required for printing. How and where they are placed is essentially an editorial decision. Nobody can dictate where their advertisement or article goes. If, as a concession, you require a specific layout, you do need to consult me before submitting this.

Likewise with the photographs. I am extremely lucky to have such superb photographers to help me! Richard Holdroyd who is a professional photographer, leads this and he designs our covers but he always asks my opinion and works closely with me and our printer to make sure that these are exactly as required and will print to the highest standards.

Of course we welcome your photographs but I need these sent as large files / high dpi / resolution which I can then resize and adjust as necessary so that they print properly. If you need specific photographs, portraits etc, for a special event, please let me know and I can often arrange for one

of our photographic team to pop along and do these.

Producing the Gazette is not done in a couple of hours once a month sitting at a computer copying and pasting a few articles and pictures. It doesn't just happen, it does involve a great deal of commitment on the part of the Gazette team and myself. We all take a great deal of care and pride in the magazine production. I truly am not empire building but I do need your help and cooperation to produce what I hope is a high quality village magazine. The bottom line is that everything which goes in this magazine and how it gets there is my responsibility, the buck stops here!

Sonia

Hughenden Parish Council Report

HPC FACTOID #1 - we manage ~250 allotments across our Parish - as many as Wycombe District Council

For a new council not even a full month old, we have been a busy bunch.

The six previous and two new councillors have already managed to meet up twice since our election on the 7th May. Once as an official decision making body, where our first task was for our outgoing Chairman to preside over the election of our new Chair and Vice-Chair, ensuring a smooth transition. Following on from that we had the usual monthly meeting to deal with May's business. Then, just two days later, some of us found ourselves at Widmer End Community School to deliver our Annual Public Meeting - updating residents on the last year of council business. You can find the Chairman's and financial reports on our website.

The subject of allotments came up in both meetings, so its worthy of noting a few things for those Gazette readers who tend their own or live close to either Louches Lane, Naphill or the Walter's Ash allotment gardens.

Firstly, this council like the previous one is in the complex process of untangling years of legal issues over the correct ownership of allotment land. We have a working group which leads this task and we are delighted to have continuity with former Hughenden Valley Councillor James Perkins remaining involved. Our own ward representative on the working group is Dennis Hackling. We recognize that as a Council we have to improve our communications with allotment holders and residents on this difficult subject - we have created the Allotment Liaison Committee as a direct result of this and that next meets at the end of May. There is also a new allotments section on our website, and we continue to post items on the gates at the entrance to every allotment.

Our first council meeting in this new four year term started positively, with the co-option of a new member. From our rather diminished number of 8 (our full complement is 15!) we are now plus one, with the addition of Phil Crawford for Naphill & Walter's Ash. This is fantastic news as it means as

a ward we now have our full team of four. As well as attending monthly Parish Council and committee meetings we all sit on other bodies, such as Village Hall and Residents Associations - with the four of us now - this means we can represent the ward far better. If you need to reach us on a local matter you can find our contact details in the front of this gazette on the Naphill.org.uk website as well as our own Parish website.

Briefly stepping back to just before the election, you will have received a copy of our Parish Survey report. Hand delivered by current and past councillors (which is a great way for us to walk around the ward and meet people), this summarised the results of the questionnaire that was sent out towards the end of 2014 and that so many of you completed and returned to us. Hopefully you took the chance to read it - if not you still can by visiting the Parish website and downloading it. This is an incredibly useful local study that the new council can use to align its current work as well as prioritise projects in the future.

Our last word this month is on hedgerows. With the recent sunny spells our trees and hedgerows have burst into leaf and grown. It all looks wonderful, but can encroach on our roads, verges and footpaths. Please be aware that under the Wildlife & Conservation Act 1981, as a responsible council (along with Bucks County Council) to protect nesting birds we will not be cutting between 1st March -31st July unless there is an immediate safety hazard, eg cutting back a hedge at a blind corner or around a road sign to improve visibility and promote road safety.

Your Parish Councillors

Phil Crawford, Dennis Hackling, Chris Waterton & Peter Williams

email nawa@hughendenpc.org.uk

website www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

It is always confusing at this time of year for us when the Bank Holiday Mondays mean that we need to have our April meeting at the end of March and our May meeting at the end of April, however next month we get back to our normal pattern of having our meeting on the first Monday of the month.

We voted back in our co-opted members, Dave Evans, Pam Smith, Carole O'Neill and Judy Whitehouse, and I was voted back in to start my final year as chairman. Cathryn Carter was voted back in as Vice Chairman. Our thanks go to all these folk for giving up their time to serve on the Village Hall Council and to work for the good of the village.

The fete committee came across to tell us how the plans for Napfest were progressing. As ever volunteers are desperately needed to help out and

they're currently short of tombola prizes. If you can help out with either of these then do go into The Wheel which is Napfest H.Q..

We have a new project that was voted in at our meeting. We would like to erect a ball wall on the Crick as an activity area for the youth of the village. It is hard to describe but will comprise of a ball wall made of mesh (so no noise) with targets as well as goal areas, and cricket stumps to aim for and two basketball rings at different heights. The exact positioning of this is still under discussion. There is a similar piece of equipment up at Great Kingshill which has proved both popular and trouble free so if you are interested do pop up and have a look. It is on their playing field opposite the Parish Council office.

Other plans are still underway. The ramp for access into Bon Ami is now available for those that need it, just ask and they will bring it out for you. The motion sensor lights in the car park have been implemented, admittedly just in time for the light evenings! After investigation it would seem that it is not viable to have a hearing loop in the small hall at present but we will continue to monitor the situation.

We would like to extend our congratulations to the under 16 football team who have won their league. Well done lads and good luck for next year.

We will precede our next meeting on the 1st June with our annual litter pick at 7.30 p.m. around the Crick and the Hall. All are welcome, black sacks will be provided but bring your own marigolds. It is only for half an hour but it amazing what a few can achieve in the time.

See you all at Napfest. Fingers crossed for good weather.

Sarah Bacon

Chairman, Naphill Village Hall
and Playing Fields Council

Naphill Horticultural Society

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

We have a trip organised to Wisley Gardens on Sunday 14th June, leaving the Village Hall at 9.00 am. To celebrate the 70th Anniversary of our shows, the trip is entirely FREE to members and costs just £1 for non-members. If you would like to join us on the day, please call Janet Judge on 563186 as at the time of writing we still have a few seats available.

After a very strange start to the gardening year, the weather has improved and the plants are responding fabulously- they really are very clever, and always seem to catch up, so with any luck our gardens and allotments will be in perfect shape in time for our 70th Anniversary Summer Show at Naphill Village Hall on Saturday July 4th.

We know that there are some very keen gardeners in the village, so how about entering your achievements in our Summer Show? We want you all to show off what you can grow in your garden or

allotment, your baking or flower arranging skills, or prowess with a camera.

Just because we call ourselves the Horticultural Society, it does not mean that we are professionals, in fact far from it !, just enthusiastic about what we grow (or try to..). "Mine are better than that" is a popular comment we get from people who are too shy to enter!

The list of guidelines in the schedule, explaining what is required for each of the classes, is very helpful, and the information can also be found on our website, so no excuses – have a go, it really is easy and most of all fun, and there are always people on hand on the day who are only too happy to give advice and help.

We are always keen to get entries in the Children's classes, so why not get your youngsters to have a go this time? There are two classes for them to try –

1. A Garden on a plate

2. A Lego model (base max 30 x 30 cm)

Should you need a schedule, they are available from our new Show Secretary Hannah Fradley (563929), Bon Ami or myself. Alternatively, you can download a copy from our website.

If you are not up to exhibiting, why not come along and admire others efforts? The doors open at 2pm and the ever-popular auction of donated exhibits will take place at 4pm. Refreshments are available throughout the afternoon and there is also a sales table (if you have any contributions to this, please let Hannah know).

Cathryn Carter
563233

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

HPC Survey Results 2014-2015. Community Speedwatch

Volunteers who unselfishly give up their time to help Thames Valley Police to monitor vehicle speeds, and in so doing help reduce highway accidents and save lives, will have been greatly encouraged to note the following extract in the Parish Council Survey Results 2014-2015

"There were four items which stood out above all others with regard to what we dislike about living here. They are speeding motorists....."

The present small band of volunteers have done a great job in improving road safety, but if we want a dramatic reduction in the number of vehicles speeding through our villages, PC Lee Turnham will need more help. So, please, if you have at least one hour to spare a month, and would like to help our community by volunteering for Community Speedwatch, contact me and I will forward your name to PC Lee Turnham. My email address and phone number are in the Gazette.

Planning to 13 May 2015

15/06200/FUL. Woodlyn, Downley Road, Naphill.

Householder application for construction of bay window and porch canopy to front, first floor front extension and construction of 2 x front and 2 x rear dormer windows, insertion of rooflight to front and rear roofslope, construction of part two storey, part single storey rear extension and detached garage (alternative scheme to pp 14/08010/FUL). (Taz Poptani)

15/06205/FUL. 232 Main Road, Naphill.

HA for construction of single storey side extension, insertion of rooflight to existing single storey side element, erection of pergola to rear. (Georgina Hastings)

15/06136/FUL. 76, Main Road, Naphill.

HA for construction of two storey rear extension and reduce length of garage by 1.66m. (Trisha May).

15/06079/FUL. 279, Main Road, Walters Ash.

HA for conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation and erection of single storey side/rear extension to provide garaging/store (alternative scheme to pp 13/08029/FUL) (Objection. over-development and contradiction with officer recommendations and decision notices. (Sarah White).

15/06063/FUL. 10 Woodlands Drive Naphill.

HA for erection of single storey side extension. (Valerie Bailey).

15/06083/FUL 42 Ash Close, W.A.

HA for construction of single storey side extension. (Valerie Bailey)

15/05983/FUL. 22, Moseley Road, Naphill.

HA for construction of single storey side / rear extension . (Ian Beck).

Decisions

Permitted. **15/05780/FUL 143 Templewood,**

Walters Ash. HA for construction of first floor side extension.

15/05577/FUL Nesta, Stocking Lane,

Naphill. HA for demolition of existing garage and erection of detached single garage, with store

and home office/garden room. **15/05478/FUL**

236 Main Road, Naphill. HA for construction of

single storey side extension following demolition of

existing detached garage. **14/07653/FUL Falcons**

Oak, Forge Road, Naphill. HA for retention of

front porch, part single storey, part two storey rear

extension and erection of attached garage with

one rear dormer windows to create storage room

over. **15/05599/FUL 1 The Glebe, Naphill.** HA for

construction of single storey rear/side extension.

15/05614/FUL. Beehive Cottage, Downley Road

Naphill. Erection of two storey side/rear extension

and subdivision of property to re-instate Beehive

Cottage as a pair of semi-detached dwellings.

15/05341/FUL. 10 Bayley Gardens, Naphill. HA for

construction of single storey side / front extension

following demolition of existing detached garage.

Refused

5/05503/FUL Hunts Cottage, Hunts Hill Lane

Naphill. HA for creation of new access to Hunts

Cottage from Hunts Hill Lane.

Date of next meeting. Thur. 11 June 2015. Naphill

Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive - 563634

The Wheel

Well as a few people have pointed out, there was no mention of how the Beer Festival went in April. Unfortunately that was due to the Gazette deadline being before the event so...

What an amazing weekend we had! It was another successful Beer Festival. We couldn't have planned the weather better as the sun was shining throughout the weekend. Mark's choice of ales was brilliant. Many people hadn't heard of the breweries involved so it made it more interesting for those die hard ale fanatics. Friday was a very busy one and although our heater broke it probably helped to ensure we had some beer left for Saturday! Saturday morning arrived and we still had one very loyal customer who had stayed in his van overnight so that he could be here bright and early in the morning. (Mark and I also really appreciated the bacon rolls, thank you Jon).

Saturday started well and just got busier and busier. Many families were out to enjoy the sun, cider, ale, and brilliant music from James Henton and the garden was definitely rocking. As many of you know we ran out of ale by 5.30pm, but thankfully we had some spare Rebellion so we had a mini rebellion festival to keep us going. If only we could rely on the Great British weather, it would so help our ordering! We would like to thank all our amazing customers who came and supported this event, especially Jon and Alex who ended up glass collecting. A massive well done to all our staff, many of whom had never worked a beer festival before, you were all brilliant.

So June is here and it seems to be the party season. We all have the Napfest to look forward to which is always a fabulous weekend, don't forget you can buy your tickets from us. During May and June it is definitely 'Party Time' and the pub is booked most Saturdays for a big birthday events, it feels like everyone is celebrating a significant number.

On this note we are closed for a private function on Saturday 13th June from 5.00pm and we will not be open until 4pm Sunday June 14th.

The only other date people need to put in their diaries is Father's Day on the 21st June. Please remember to book early if you want to bring Dad out for a pint and a bite to eat.

As ever, thank you to everyone and we look forward to seeing you all at the Wheel over the next few months.

Claire and Mark

Friends of Naphill Common

Warmer, drier weather is to be expected as summer approaches and now that the ruts have been filled and the paths smoothed the Common is getting more welcoming. Slowly the grasses, sedges and other ground flora will start to re-establish themselves and, with the help of the increased sunlight due to the felling, a generous greening should appear. It has been a rather bleak and inhospitable period but we are over the worst and several people have remarked that the new,

more open, areas are an improvement. Certainly the cutting back of the ever-invasive holly is very welcome and it is easier to admire the ancient pollards. (The green marks we put on them to ensure that they were not felled will soon wash off.)

Incidentally, rumour has it that someone has been scattering seed in some of the bare patches: presumably wild flowers. It is obviously tempting to do this but, as the Common is a Site of Special Scientific Interest Grade 1 and a Special Conservation Area, it is forbidden to introduce any new species; so we hope the rumours are mistaken. In the autumn we will be planting out young junipers in some of the sunnier spots but these are not aliens. They are cuttings taken three years ago from the four ancient junipers remaining on the Common.

We will soon be publishing our programme of events, so look out for the notices and full details of all our activities can be found on our web site at naphillcommon.org.uk or follow us on Twitter @NaphillCommon. Marian Miller has kindly offered to do another tour of "Naphill in 1913": this time from The Wheel up towards Walters Ash. Last year the tour of the other half of the village proved very popular and we hope to see you all again on Tuesday 23rd June at 7.30pm at The Wheel. The Friends of Naphill Common will, of course, be at the Napfest, with things to do for children and grown ups.

Our work parties will continue to try to make the common more accessible and to smarten up our notice boards in preparation for the Best Kept Village inspection. If you would like to join the work parties please contact Peter Davis (Tel. 569303). They are a friendly group who usually meet on the first Sunday (and sometimes on the third Sunday) of the month, but you can join in as frequently or infrequently as you like.

You are also welcome on our regular walks. Chris Miller leads our short walks (2 to 3 miles) starting at 10.30am from the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month. Ron Collins leads the longer walks of about five miles (2½ to 3 hours) on the third Monday of each month and the dates are as follows: 15th June, 20th July, 17th Aug, 21st Sept, 19th Oct, 16th Nov and 21st Dec. Meet at the Village Hall at 9.25am for a start at 9.30am sharp. In April there was an extra walk added to the normal monthly schedule as the bluebells were not quite out on the third Monday of the month. However, those who were able to join the extra 4.5 mile walk were well and truly rewarded with a magnificent display of bluebells at the National Trust Ashridge Estate. This is said to be one of the finest places in the country to see bluebells and it certainly lived up to expectations.

If for some extraordinary reason you are not a member of The Friends of Naphill Common, please think of joining – which you can do by contacting our membership secretary Lynn McMinn (Tel. 564667) or at our Napfest stall.

Chris Miller - Chairman

A Naphill Family at Waterloo 15-18 June 1815:

People with ancestors at Waterloo are re-telling their stories for the 200th Anniversary. My family's tale is strange and surprising. Not one, but three of my ancestors, of three nationalities, none English, fought in three opposing armies, facing one another through the fog of war.

My French great-great-grandfather Claude Leflaive (1763-1850) lived in the sleepy wine village of Puligny-Montrachet in Côte d'Or, Burgundy. He was a vineyard proprietor in his spare time. During the Terror he sat on the feared local Comité. He was an infantry officer, Lieutenant of the nearby Auxonne garrison, where many young trainee artillery officers passed through his tutelage. One he never forgot, when he was 25, was a fiery 19 year-old Corsican. "Le sous-lieutenant d'artillerie Napoléon Bonaparte est en garrison à Auxonne 1788 – 1789". For a time he was Claude's subordinate, but roles soon reversed. 26 years on, he was Emperor while Claude was fighting in the veteran 146me Demi-Brigade, 2me Division d'Infanterie, at Waterloo.

The bitterness of defeat soon faded at home with his vines, his Chassagne-Montrachet-born wife Marie Anne, and his ten children. His 3-year-old son Pierre, born 1812, was my great-grandfather. Claude lived to be 87.

My Braunschweiger (Brunswicker) great-great-grandfather Carl Kämpe was a businessman from this ducal state bordering mighty Prussia, now in Germany. He was an officer in the 'Black Brunswickers' under the 'Black Duke' of Braunschweig-Wolfenbüttel, Prince Frederick, brother-in-law and cousin of the English King George IV. The Schwarze Schar (Black Brunswickers), average age 17, were known for their black tunics and silver death's head badge, and also for Millais' painting 'The Black Brunswicker' in which a young woman clings to a young officer leaving for war. The Duke put his Corps under the direct command of Wellington, but was himself killed at Quatre Bras on 16th June.

On 18th June, the Brunswickers played a key role on the right flank of the allied line in the vital stand at Château d'Hougoumont.

Forty-eight years later, in 1863, Carl's granddaughter, Augusta, then a Prussian governess in France, met and wed Claude Leflaive's widowed son Pierre, and the Waterloo and Auxonne garrison histories were put together.

My Welsh great-great-grandfather, on my mother's side, Lewis Gruffydd or Griffiths (1792-1837) was a stonemason at beautiful Tal y llyn, below Cadaer Idris in Snowdonia. In 1813, the King sent out for more troops to subdue Napoleon, requiring one conscript from this remote parish, chosen by lot. The man chosen, who was totally unsuitable to be a soldier, broke down and cried. Out of pity, Lewis volunteered to go instead. He signed up in the 23rd Royal Welch Fusiliers at Wrexham, and trained at Dublin. There he met and wed Jane (Jenny) Drumble, whose family, of far higher social status, disowned her. Jenny, with their infant son, was able to follow the 23rd to the

battlefields in France, Spain and Belgium, doing nursing and laundry duties, and, her tombstone says, "was on the field three days at Waterloo."

The 23rd, also made up of men in their teens or early twenties, was in Col Hugh Mitchell's brigade at the extreme right end of the allied line, in the bloody all-day engagement at Hougoumont, just yards from Carl Kämpe.

At the roll call, the morning after the battle, Lewis failed to answer to his name. Jenny searched field hospital wards of thousands of wounded, carrying her infant son. As she left a final tent, not finding him, the child called out "Daddy, Daddy!" She turned and saw Lewis, shot in the shoulder but alive. Back at Tal y llyn. Lewis found work at Corris Slate Quarry, but in 1837, aged 45, he was killed in a quarry accident. Jenny taught at a school and interpreted for French Prisoners of War, living to be 94. In 1932, her descendent Marian Griffiths married a Bristol doctor Charles Leflaive (my parents), finally combining these three heroes and survivors of Waterloo into one family.

Malcolm Leflaive

Bucks Open Studios 2015

*This will be our 30th year and will take place
from 6th - 21st June 2015*

This is the largest FREE visual arts event in the county. In June every year over 500 artists and makers, in over 200 different venues across Buckinghamshire, open their studios and run exhibitions and events for the public to visit. Brochures will be available from May at libraries, shops and from our artists homes. These will also be available from 22 May at 87 Main Road where, as in previous years, these will be in a box on the wall for you to help yourself.

There are nine artists to visit in the Naphill area

David White - Handmade Stringed Instruments
Hugghenden

Lesley Taylor and Debbie White - Textiles &
Sculpture Hugghenden

Keith Wilkins - Sculptor/Painter Naphill

Veronica Wilkins - Contemporary Painting and
Ceramics Naphill

Olive Dancer - Artist
Naphill

Susan Wharton - Traditional Observation
Naphill Common

Glenn & Martin Hart - Mixed Media
Waterbased Photography Speen

**Please look out for the signs and come and
see as many of these great exhibitions as
you can!**

Lancaster Log Book Signed Off - 70 Years Later

A former Lancaster Bomber wireless operator and prisoner of war has had his log book signed off 70 years after being shot down over Germany.

Flight Sergeant Joe Hughes was hosted by Chief of the Air Staff (CAS), Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Pulford, in the Office of Bomber Harris at RAF High Wycombe. CAS completed the log book by writing 'A duty done. Signed on behalf of a grateful Air Force and Nation.'



A framed photo of a Lancaster from 625 Squadron on a bombing raid was provided by the Air Historical Branch and presented by CAS, followed by a lunch held in Joe's honour, including Tornado aircrew representing the RAF's modern day bombers.

Shot down, captured, strafed and interrogated. Joe's log book had remained incomplete since January 1945 when his aircraft was shot down on its return flight from a night bombing raid. Aged 19 and on his 30th bombing mission, Joe was one of only 2 survivors having jumped out of the aight aircraft, doing up his parachute as his jumped and hoping he would not land in water as he could not swim.

Not knowing if he was in Germany or France, Joe navigated west using the stars until he came across a sentry post, and upon seeing the German 'Reichsadler' eagle realised he was in enemy territory. After some time evading capture, Joe's hunger and boredom got the better of him and he gave himself up to a passing German troop truck, which was subsequently strafed by an RAF Mosquito.

After a long and eventful train journey, Joe arrived at a Delag Luft prisoner of war camp near Nuremberg to join approximately 150,000 American, Russian and British prisoners. Solitary confinement and interrogation for 8 days came next, after which Joe was released to the prison, having claimed he had been shot down on only his first bombing mission.

It was at this point that Joe was reunited with the rear gunner from his crew, having believed he was the only survivor. For a crew that spent every waking moment together through training and operations, this was a huge morale boost.

In June 1945 the camp was liberated by General Patten's 3rd Army. However with nowhere to go the prisoners stayed in the camp for another week

before being flown to France, and then finally flying back to Oxford with the RAF.



Written by Flight Lieutenant Sasha Lilley. For more information please contact the RAF High Wycombe Media Officer, Flight Lieutenant Andy Keeley at HWY-AdmWgMCO@mod.uk or 01494 494454.

Bon Ami



Last Tuesday we held our first evening Something Chocolatey workshop. Eight ladies joined us to learn all about chocolate whilst tasting and making their own goodies to take home. The workshops have proved so popular that we have added 3 more dates. We have a couple of places to fill so if you are interested, do pop in and find out more. We have a basket of chocolatey gifts for sale, ranging from boxes of chocolates to bags of buttons and lollipops – perfect for a gift.

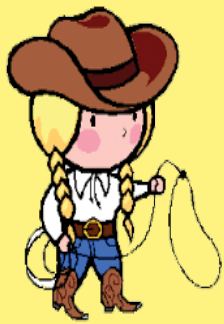
In last month's Gazette the Village Hall Council mentioned that we have a portable ramp for disabled access. Please don't worry about phoning ahead – we will put it out each morning and take it in at night so it will always be there while we are open.

The local Police force will be here for a "Have your Say" event throughout the morning on 1st July – so if there is anything you would like to raise with them, come along,

The Naphill Business Network have moved their meetings to the last Wednesday of the month at 8.30am. The group is for local business people who would like to get together and promote their business amongst the community. It's a very informal meeting so if you are interested you can either contact Heather Salter on 07756994087 or just turn up – the next meeting is on June 24th.

We are all looking forward to Napfest and hope to see you there.

Amanda and Ruth



NAPFEST

5th - 7th June 2015



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The Wheel, Bon Ami
& The Black Lion



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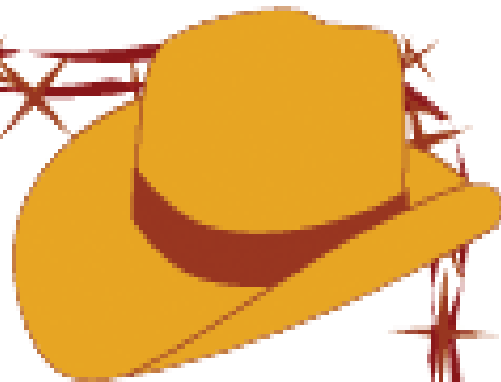
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WELCOME TO NAPFEST

Fete Weekend 5th – 7th June 2015

Following the great success of last year, Napfest is back and will be bigger and better than before. Our committee can't wait to see everyone over this amazing weekend; we are certain that during the three day event there will be something for everyone.

'Music on the Crick' will be another night to remember as we watch you all dance the night away. Come and enjoy this brilliant family evening, listening to some fabulous music while enjoying a few drinks at the bar or sampling from the pizza and burger vans. Just to remind you all ticket prices will increase on the night so make sure you get your tickets early.

'Fete on The Crick', our traditional English Fete is such a great family fun day with stalls to entertain all ages. The Grand Draw Raffle could win you £200 so make sure you get your raffle tickets! This brilliant day is run by so many volunteers from Naphill and Walters Ash and would not run without you so, as always, thank you very much.

'Classic on The Crick', after an amazing first year we have chosen to change very little and can't wait to see your treasured Classic Cars, Vans or Bikes on display or entering the treasure hunt. During the day Malt Brewery is supplying a bar and there will be various refreshments from Bon Ami, Orchard Farm, Mozzarella Nation and Kirsty's Kitchen. We hope you all enjoy these beautiful classic vehicles whether it's your own or someone else's treasure.

2015 Fete Princes and Princesses

Matthew Farrell



11 Year old Matthew was delighted to hear that he was to be a Prince at the Naphill Fete. He generally looks forward to playing football on weekends but now all he wants to do is ride in fancy cars in smart clothes at the village fete! Matthew is a member of the school's Junior Leadership Team

and runs our School Stationery Shop. Matthew wants to become a fighter pilot and follow in his Dad's footsteps. He said: "When I heard about the prince job, it sounded like just the sort of thing I wanted to do!"

Romilly Fisher



Romilly loves playing basketball and running around in her garden and chilling in the sun. She loves clothes and hopes to become a famous fashion designer and so can't wait to get dressed up as a princess on Fete day! She spends most of her time lying on the sofa reading her favourite Jacqueline Wilson books

and reliving the life of Katniss Everdeen! Ever since Reception, Romilly's dream has been to be a princess and now she gets to be one!

Niamh Kelly



A keen actress, Niamh also attends dancing sessions and has her heart set on becoming a professional dancer and performing on stage. She also enjoys looking after her many animals, playing her violin and watching Uncle Grandpa. Niamh loves dressing up in beautiful clothes and is already planning

her outfit for Fete Day. She said: "I'm really excited; I've always wanted to be a Princess!"

Archie Sinclair



Future game designer Archie loves playing computer games and watching Ronaldo on television. He said: "I feel super lucky, not everyone gets to become a Prince! And, my brother did it, so I feel like I have to do it and just be as good as him!" Archie loves playing with younger children and likes inventing

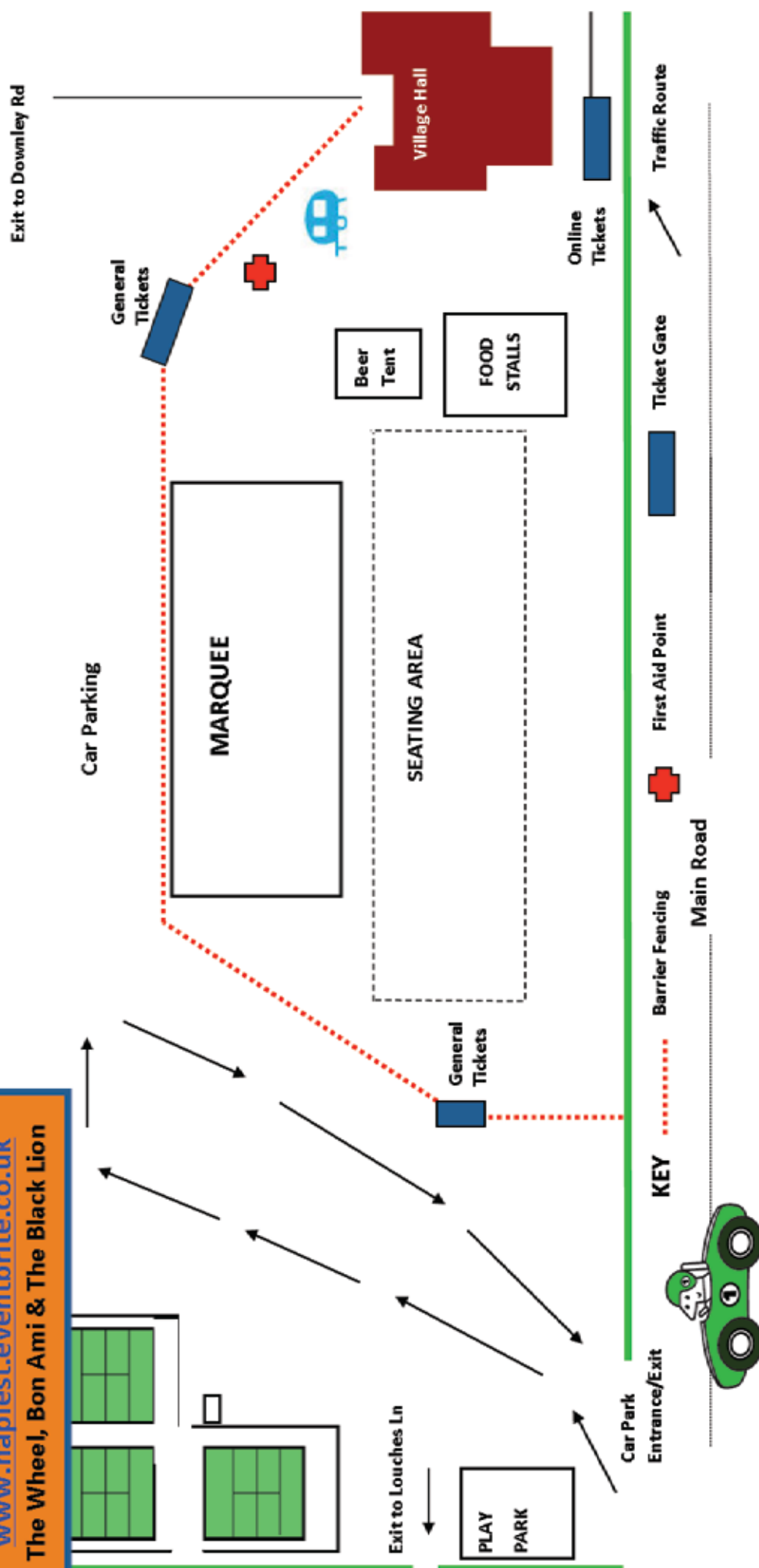
different games as one of our playtime buddies at the school.

MUSIC ON THE CRICK – FRIDAY 5th JUNE

TICKETS

www.napfest.eventbrite.co.uk

The Wheel, Bon Ami & The Black Lion



* Headlining act - 'The Deps' – supported by Ben McKelvey, The Firebrands and The Little Wings

* "Rewind" Disco from 5.30pm

* Hot Food, including Mozzarella Nation Pizzas, Orchard View Burger and Rossetti Ice Cream Van

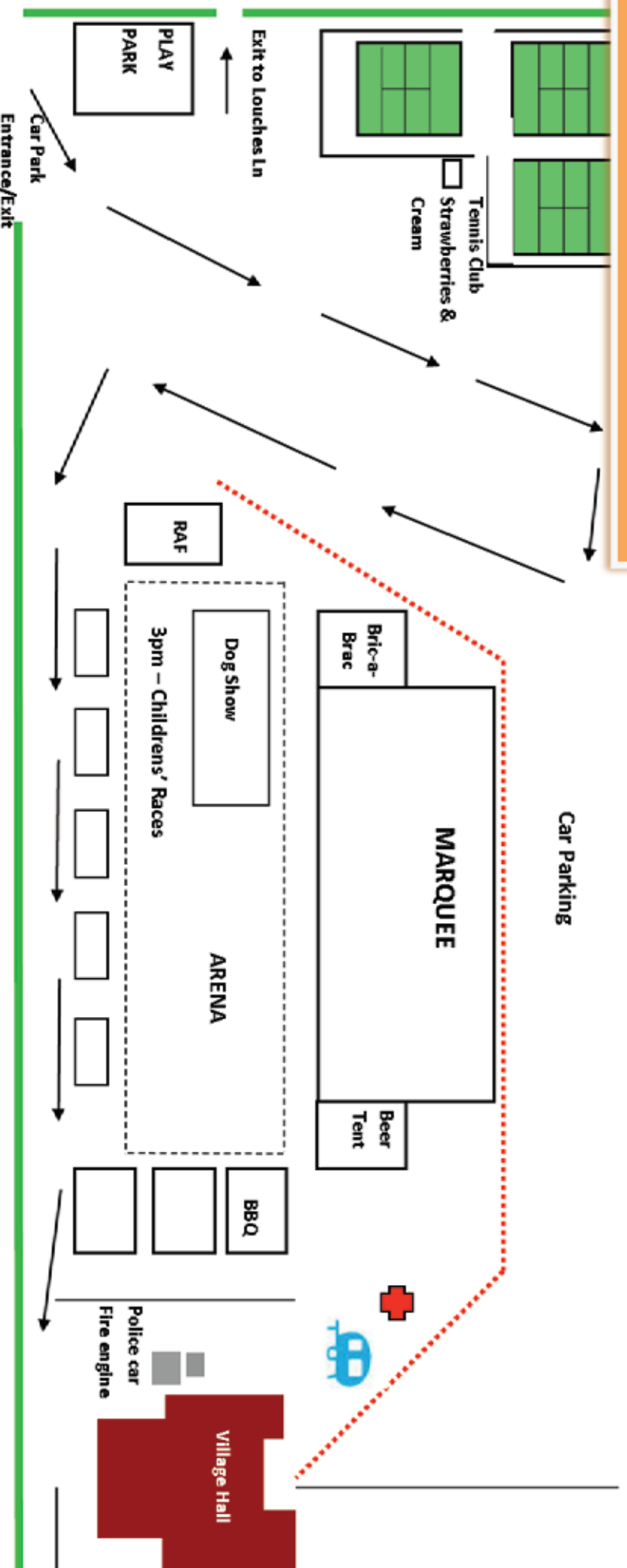
* Licensed Bar selling beers, wines, ciders and soft drinks run by The Black Lion

* Gates open and disco 5.30pm, live music from 6.30pm – 11pm

FETE DAY – SATURDAY 6th JUNE

Dog Show

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Main Road

STALLS/ACTIVITIES

Grand Draw
 Naphill Neighbours Cake Stall
 Face Painting
 WI Tombola
 RAF – Rifles & Physical Ed

Rosetti Ice Cream Van
 Coconut Shy - Scouts
 Bric-a-Brac
 Hospital Radio
 Eazy Peazy - Assault Course & Bungee Run

Christians in the Community Live Music
 BBQ - Dads of Naphill and Walters Ash
 Friends of Naphill Common
 Book Stall

Beer Tent - The Men's Club
 National Trust
 Dog Show
 Strawberries - Tennis Club

Our Thanks

Our princes and princesses for opening the fete

The Judges

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NEALES



Naphill Scout and Guide hut gets a makeover

You may not have noticed the Scout and Guide Hall tucked behind the Community Centre but it is a thriving setting, with Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides, Scouts and Explorers all meeting there at various times of the week. Under the umbrella of Naphill & Hughenden Scout Group children and young adults aged 6 to 18 years from the local area undertake activities to encourage them to learn life skills, teamwork and to contribute to their community. Successful completion of many of these activities result in the award of a badge to the individual, and one unusual badge to aim for is the DIY Activity Badge. Sponsored by B&Q this badge encourages the Beavers and Cubs to learn painting and decorating skills whilst the Brownies and Guides achieve part of their Community Support badge. The obvious venue on which to practice these skills is the Scout Hut, so over the weekend



of 18th/19th April approximately 30 young people and their parents got stuck in with cleaning, sanding, painting, weeding and planting at the Hut. Much of the paint had been supplied by B&Q through their charitable Waste Donation scheme and the painting equipment was loaned by Dave Hudson, a local decorator who assistance was invaluable over the weekend.

Under Dave's direction, children (and parents!) of all ages were let loose with emulsion and gloss paint, electric screwdrivers and hammers, and amazingly all the right paint ended up on all the right surfaces.



Outside, Brown Owl organised the green-fingered children into working parties who weeded the border and re-planted it with plants donated by several parents.

Several parents gave up a considerable amount of their free time to carry out the less glamorous tasks

- one Mum spent most of the previous Saturday covering up light switches and noticeboards in order to protect them from stray emulsion rollers, and one football Dad gallantly spent close to an hour washing the brushes and rollers at the end of the day. Dave the Decorator did a sterling job on the window frames and the Scout Group owes him a big thank you for his time and equipment. If you are

looking for a reliable, quality, local decorator give him a call on 07990 916001 as he comes highly recommended.

The Scout and Guide Hut looks fresh and bright again, and the children have a sense of ownership - "I painted that!". The Naphill and Hughenden Valley Group facilities have the capacity to introduce more children to the benefits of the Scout movement, but are short of adult volunteers. If you would like to support the next generation of painters, decorators and gardeners please get in touch with Andy at andy13957@live.com

Thanks again to the many volunteers who gave their time so willingly. Your local Scout and Guide group looks forward to taking part in many more community activities and hope to see you soon!



DHP Decor
Dave Hudson
Painting and
Decorating
07990 916001

Jane Hawthornthwaite
scribbly2@sky.com

Photographs in this article courtesy of contributor

Naphill Scouts

This month we celebrate the award of the Chief Scouts Gold Award to our Senior Patrol Leader, Jesper Howe. Over more than three years, Jesper has achieved 8 challenge award badges and was awarded his Chief Scouts Gold Award by Chiltern Vale District Commissioner Clare Clarke. Clare said "this is the highest award that any scout can achieve and I am delighted to present it to Jesper." Well done Jesper!



Meanwhile we continue with our regular scout activities. A very successful cook out in the woods resulted in some well fed scouts and a number of camp cook badges being awarded. A number of scouts also completed their fitness challenge this month and were awarded the badge.

We joined Scouts, Cubs and Beavers from all over the district for the Annual St. George's day parade and service in Princes Risborough. On this day all members of the scout movement, including leaders, reconfirm their scout promises and raise money for local charities through the church collection. We finished the month with a scout camp at Longridge, Marlow for 14 of our scouts. This was an action packed camp which involved climbing, sailing, canoeing, and dragon boating. To get a feel for what the camp is like we enclose a number of pictures of camp life which include singing around the camp fire, lunch in a traditional scout dining shelter, dragon boat racing and working as a team to drop a tent. All had a great time and were pretty tired by Sunday afternoon, including the leaders!



Mark Powell
Naphillscouts@aol.com

Naphill Evening W.I.

I have to confess that I will miss the May Resolutions meeting as I will be on holiday. However, I have heard Mike Payne talking on the History of Pinewood Studios and know that everyone will enjoy his talk.

Every year the WI have one or more resolutions to vote upon and this year we are being asked to discuss the need for the removal of the distinction between Nursing Care and Personal Care in the assessment of the needs of individuals.

On a lighter note, on 26th April, the WI Centenary Baton arrived in High Wycombe in style on a Harley Davidson motorbike and was then paraded around the Rye on bicycles with knitted covers. The WI Headquarters, Stuart Lodge, was opened for the day and several members went in for tea and cakes – and to see the baton of course. Thanks to the kindness of the "millers" Pann Mill was also opened for the occasion.

Again to celebrate the Centenary, members from all over the area are attending a special screening of the AGM from the Royal Albert Hall at Cine World in High Wycombe.

One of the highlights of May was Jenny's ploughman's lunch on 11th. It was the warmest day of the year so far according to the weather men and some of us were able to sit in Jenny's lovely garden to eat our lunch.



We are now looking forward to our involvement in the Napfest and also our Birthday Party on 18th June.

Carol Gilliam.

David Lidington MP



It is a great privilege to have been re-elected to serve another five years in Parliament representing the Aylesbury constituency. I want to say a particular thank you to people in Naphill and Walters Ash who gave me their support but also to make it clear that I shall continue to do my best to help anyone in the constituency who wants my assistance, whatever political views they hold.

My office in the House of Commons is now operating as usual. The best way to contact me is by email david.lidington.mp@parliament.uk or telephone 020 7219 4573. If you want to see me at one of my constituency surgeries, please call my constituency office at 01296 482102.

David Lidington MP

Shear Madness



Hopefully by the time you read this Nik Smith has successfully completed the Bupa 10,000 in aid of MacMillan cancer trust without any permanent injury and that Simon Steptoe is training hard for the London to Brighton cycle ride in aid of Florence Nightingale House. Collection tins are in the shop should you wish to donate or they both

have a JustGiving page on the internet somewhere !???

So while the boys are slogging out for a fantastic cause. I'm off for a little rest, shear madness will be closed 6th June reopen Monday 15th June 9.30am

I hope you all enjoy Napfest and that the sun shines for you all

Mandy

Naphill & Walters Ash School Report

Our school has many lovely teachers who make our learning much more enjoyable and exciting. We decided to interview them to find out how to keep on their good side.

Firstly, we interviewed our current Reception teacher, Mrs Pascoe. She has taught in reception for many years and she told us that she liked polite and kind children that are willing to try everything. She loves teaching arts and crafts and guiding the younger children through the forest. She says: "I've only ever taught Reception and year one but there is such a big difference!"

Mr Dark, our Year 4 teacher, has an engineering background and as part of his training he had to do a lot of maths. He has developed a love for maths and somehow makes maths lessons fun. However, if he finds someone being lazy, he is very strict on making them work! He told us, "I love happy and enthusiastic pupils. A happy learner is an effective learner!"

We also interviewed Mrs Hawes who is one of the Year 6 teachers. She told us that she likes pupils

who have resilience and don't ever give up. She has been in Year 6 for a number of years (too many she says!) and really enjoys teaching the older children and preparing them for transition to secondary school.

All the teachers have been very busy recently because each class have been sitting their end of year tests to give them a level for next year including the Year 2 and Year 6 SATS. After preparing for weeks and frantic last minute revision, we all finally sat down and did the best we could. Despite all our teachers' best efforts, it is now up to us to show what we can do.



Cordelia Thompson and Daniel Hooper
Year 6 Editorial Team



Photograph courtesy of Paul Goby

Naphill Tennis Club New Members Welcome!

For details on our club membership, please contact the Membership Secretary (see list of Clubs & Organisations at front of Gazette). Reduced rates for new members.

See you on the courts

Jenny Tench

Picture This

Sometimes with photography, you get lucky. The subject and the light come together perfectly. You just need to show up. Even Ansel Adams, one of - if not the - most famous landscape photographer said: "Sometimes I do get to places just when God's ready to have somebody click the shutter."

Early in May, I was walking through bluebell-filled Falconer's Wood - behind Strike Command - looking for a new way to picture that almost fleeting moment when the colour of bluebells combine with the iridescent green of the emerging beech leaves. To create the picture I had in my head, I needed some sunlight but the clouds were being most uncooperative.

Much to the vocal and visible annoyance of my loyal, canine assistant, 'Furball', who had a spherical object in need of a launch, I decided to wait for the light. And that's when my luck, and that of my assistant, changed.

Picture this. Walking up the bluebell path were two Gazette readers. Upon reaching us, they hesitated, probably wondering why I was lurking beside a tree. (It was going to be my picture's foreground.) I explained my light-seeking mission and fell into conversation. As we did, one reader asked "Are you the photographer from the Gazette?". I confessed. She then noticed the muddy spherical object that had been dropped at her feet. And hence Furball's luck changed. The ball was launched into the air.

But then my luck changed too. No, not the light I was still waiting for, but the chance to ask two readers about a dilemma. Should the cover of the Gazette always depict pictures from Naphill and Walter's Ash or would a picture from the environs be acceptable? Might readers enjoy a change from woodland pictures - beautiful though the Common is - and enjoy a cover from further afield.

"What about Lacey Green Mill?" I asked. "Is that local enough for the Gazette?"

We debated. The light remained elusive. Furball kept returning and anticipating a bouncer.

"Yes, definitely" our two readers agreed. "Anyone who is new to Naphill may not know the Mill. It's a great idea."

And my luck was in again. The God's threw a ball in the sky for Alto and Cumulus who quickly ran away and the light returned. Back to my perfected 'lurking behind a tree' position and my picture was in the camera.

For the cover picture, I have to thank the owner of the flower-filled meadow in front of the mill. He gave me permission to tread lightly so that I could make the pictures. I simply had to wait for a day when the wind was in the right direction to turn the mill so that it faced the light, Alto and Cumulus were behaving, and, of course, the wild flowers were in full bloom. Sometimes, you just get lucky! Enjoy creating your pictures.



Richard Holroyd.
www.richardholroydphotography.com

Letter for the Gazette

Dear Friends,

My church calendar declares that in June we're back into "Ordinary Time". Well granted it's not Christmas or Easter, etc, but "Ordinary" does seem a bit bizarre for glorious June!

I'm sure you won't read this Gazette and not notice that it's Napfest time! Every organisation or group worth its salt in Naphill will be doing something, and hopefully all who are fit and able will be sampling the familiar and the unfamiliar on Saturday 6th.

There'll be something of a Wild West theme, with plenty of scope to go OTT, but you can be sure that a few will be historically accurate, some will be truer to the big screen version, and for others you'll have to work it out for yourself! And there'll be nothing "ordinary" about any of it!

June is also time for that elusive event: summer! We have a traditional first day of summer on 21st June and midsummer's day on the 24th: so that's about 7 days for the whole of summer! About par for the course! But even in ordinary years, that week is rarely the hottest, and rarely consistently dry and sunny. Our climate is not very ordinary! You couldn't accuse our weather of being boringly predictable!

Some years ago on the shortest night, I joined a sponsored walk, and I was amazed at how early it started to become light, and was thrilled by the changes of colour and the mistiness. I made a mental note that I must do that again another year, but the years have gone by, and each year I've not got round to it, and ended up with an ordinary night in bed and not taken the extraordinary march through the countryside when everyone else is asleep! Maybe this year?! Hmm! Maybe not!

June holds many birthdays in my wider family, a statistical blip, but I suppose that's just peculiar to our family: maybe we're not "ordinary"! When I was young my mother used to say I was "special": maybe I was, to her. But I discovered that being special sometimes meant that even if all my friends were doing something (exciting/daring), I was "special", and therefore couldn't join them. I longed to be ordinary/normal, like everybody else, to fit in with peer pressure.

For all of us our lives are mainly very normal and ordinary, but interspersed with the extraordinary and special. Some would say: "that's what makes life worth living!" In this month of June, in spite of it being "Ordinary Time", there is much to make it special, particularly if we look for it and get involved with it.

In our Christian tradition there have been famous individuals called by God to do great things, but a parallel theme is that every person is somehow known to God, and loved by God. Experiencing that theme transforms ordinariness into something much more special.



Mike Hill
(minister for Naphill Methodist Church)

Naphill Neighbours

Our speaker last month, Mr John Bates, entertained us with A JOLLY ALONG HADRIAN'S WALL – a light hearted talk on his Border walk.

At the time of writing this report the outcome of our planned outing to the Cotswolds is in the balance and it looks like being cancelled due to lack of support – very disappointing for many of us. We are more hopeful for our half day outing on Thursday 30 July, when we visit Millets Farm first and then on to the Waterside Café near Benson for a cream tea. The coach leaves the village hall at 1pm and tickets cost £13 for members and £15 for guests. As always everyone is most welcome, you do not have to be a Naphill Neighbours member! Phone Hazel on 563977 if you would like to go on this trip.

The NAPFEST is almost upon us and on Saturday 6 June we will be running our usual home made cake stall. Donations would be greatly appreciated and we are delighted to inform you that there is NO NEED TO LIST THE INGREDIENTS (we were misinformed about this last year!). If it would be more convenient your cake(s) could be left at Hazel's (Irving Cottage, 89 Main Road) for freezing before the event.

On Monday 8 June, we will be entertained at our monthly club meeting by Mrs Kingswood speaking on THE RICH TAPESTRY OF LIFE.

We are delighted to announce that we are holding a GARDEN PARTY on Thursday 2 July, at 2.30, in Sheila and Nigel Rolfe's delightful garden. Everyone is welcome – the more the merrier. Further details in next month's Gazette but put this date in your diary NOW.

Hazel Vickery
563977

Black Lion

The weather hasn't been the best so far this month, but it didn't stop lots of you coming out on 9th May to support us with our annual fun day in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Firstly, huge thanks must go to everyone who made a contribution towards our raffle and auction of promises. They were both a both great success.

Thank you to those of you who gave up your time to run stalls and bake cakes for us. Of course, my thanks to all of our wonderful staff who worked tirelessly to make sure that glasses stayed topped up and everyone was fed throughout the day and on into the evening. Finally, to all of those of you who came along on the day and helped us raise money for what is undoubtedly, a most deserving cause.

This year, with all your wonderful support, we beat last year's total and raised an amazing £3151.31. This figure surpassed our expectations and we couldn't be more proud or grateful for all of your contributions..

Congratulations to our Crib & Dom team, who came out on top to win the league this year. Well done champs and good luck for next year!

Napfest is coming up, on the 5-7 June. You can

purchase your tickets for Music on the Crick from us here at the Black Lion and of course, our team will be manning the bar on Friday night. We look forward to seeing you at this great village event

Once again, thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

*Manager, Staff
and friends at
The Black Lion*

Best Kept Village

We need to keep up the good work all summer but especially in June when judging takes place. A few stalwarts spent part of Saturday afternoon (16th) litter picking, washing village hall signs and weeding around the walls. In addition, several people continue to 'do their own thing' near their own homes. A few litter pickers have been requested and put to good use. Please ring 565969 if you would like one. They make the task of clearing up much easier and more hygienic.

Grass verges and hedges are growing apace. This year the judges have asked to be informed about the responsibility for cutting grass so the villages do not get the blame for this form of untidiness. Quite a few parish councils now deal with verges and vision displays themselves but Hughenden Parish has not yet committed to this. Let us hope WDC and BCC perform better than last year so our overall appearance is good.

Marks are also given for community activities and involvement; there is a special award for this. We have such a lot going on here that we should get good marks. Judges have been sent the page in the Gazette which lists clubs and organisations.

The certificates awarded in previous years are on display in the village hall. If we win this year we get a wrought iron sign similar to the one for Dilly Knox. We should stand a good chance because we are beautiful!!!

Peggy Ewart

Services at St. Botolph's

7 June	Eucharist	11am
14 June	Eucharist	11am
21 June	Eucharist	11am
28 June	Matins and baptism	11am

Peggy Ewart

Thank You

After many years of delivering the Naphill & Walters Ash Gazette, two of our deliverers, Irene and Alfred Kottbauer are leaving the area.

I would like to say a very big 'thank you' to them for all their years of hard work, and 'welcome' to Jack, who is taking over their round.

Pauline Pool

Celebration of the Armed Forces

Buckinghamshire is aiming to run the largest ever Armed Forces Day event this summer to celebrate the county's servicemen and women.

Up to 10,000 visitors are expected at the Aylesbury Rugby Club on 27th June for a day of fun including live entertainment, a Red Arrows flypast, hot air balloon flights and a host of rides and attractions for all the family.

The government launched Armed Forces Day in 2009 and it has taken place every two years, with this year aiming to be the biggest yet in the county and one of the best in the country. The aim is to highlight the local communities' support for veterans, serving personnel, their families and cadets. The result is that serving personnel will be able to bring their family along for free to enjoy a fantastic day – no work, no entry fee and no uniform.

As well as a music stage, performance arena and air show; attractions will include a funfair, zip wire, climbing wall, bungee trampolines, laser quest, body zorbing, climbing coconut trees, a World War 1 village, tea tent and picnic area, as well as food, drink and gift stalls.

In addition to RAF High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire has Forces connections with RAF Halton, Bletchley Park, the PACE Rehabilitation Centre, Reserve Forces, and Air and Army Cadets. The County Council has appealed for volunteers from the local community to give Forces personnel time off to relax and enjoy the day. Additionally commercial/corporate sponsorship is being sought for a variety of publicity opportunities ranging from small stall areas to sponsoring the main arena and air show.

Tickets are due to be available shortly and more information is available at www.buckscc.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/armed-forces-day.

Flt Lt Andy Keeley

Sing And Sign, Baby Signing Classes

Did you know that your baby can learn to communicate with you before they can talk? Sing and Sign classes have launched at Naphill Village Hall where you can learn how to do this through baby signing.

As a part of typical development, babies naturally use a combination of gestures and sounds to help their parents understand them. For example they may point, shake their heads, clap their hands and wave "bye-bye". Baby signing builds on this stage of development and gives your baby some extra gestures or 'signs' to help them make themselves understood. Baby signing is wonderfully rewarding and fantastic fun. You will be amazed by what your little one is capable of telling you before being able to talk!

At Sing and Sign we use music, rhymes, props and toys to entertain the babies, whilst the adults learn the signs they want to use at home. In Naphill we have 'Sing and Sign Babes' classes for our youngest age group, birth – 6 months old, we focus on how communication skills develop and you will learn some lovely activities you can repeat at home to boost your baby's communication development as well as the first signs to use!

Classes run on Monday afternoons, 1pm, at Naphill Village Hall.



For more information please get in touch:
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Geocaching

On the 23 April I posted a comment on the Naphill and Walters Ash neighbourhood Facebook page. "Hi all, has anyone tried geocaching? if so would love to try it. Are there any local ones?"

23 comments later I found myself meeting new neighbours and friends.

The evening of Friday 1st May was warm and dry. I left home armed with a coat, walking shoes, my mobile phone and met with Tracey and Elaine. After our introduction and battery checks we left for my first cach

Geocaching is an outdoor activity. Where you use a (global positioning system) GPS device or android phone to hide and seek a "cach". A cach is usually a waterproof container or bag with a logbook and pen. Some contain toys or trinkets (low value).

We left Moseley Road and set my first cach. I couldn't believe it, it was on my daily dog walk. I followed my phone, which pictured an arrow and distance. I entered the field and started looking with fresh eyes for hiding places, the needle moves to where the treasure is, so in a field it could be anywhere? I started to think, where would I hide a box and started looking harder and not just a glance. I loved having Tracey and Elaine to guide me as I would have no idea what to expect. The phone and app were easy to use. So I logged my details in the book and then onto my phone and

then I put the box back “where I found it” which, when it’s hard to find in the first place, I put it back, and wondered; was it too obvious?

Tracy asked “well? Fancy another? “. Yes! I said. So again back on to the mobile phone to find another cach. This time, we had short car journey (if it wasn’t a learning exercise I would have walked) to Bradenham and in to park woods which were alive with the sound and smells of spring. We even saw two Muntjac deers. The paths are very different from the common and very easy to walk around the woods. As we got closer to the hiding place I realised it could be one of many trees? This time it was a little more tricky and although both Tracey and Elaine had done this cach before, it still was hard to spot and we all had to look for it. The geocach is only as good as the person logging it on to the system, so I found only with experience will you know how to troubleshoot by looking at previous comments and history of the logbook, which again Tracey and Elaine were brilliant in helping me. “One more I said” this time the light was fading, the next one wasn’t too far. And looking at the compass we walked through the beautiful bluebells of woodland. This was a little tricky and as we approached the cach we came to a pond and a clearing. But the cach was nowhere to be found; the log advised us to use a different coordinates. After a bit of a search, we found it. The light was almost gone when we reached Main Road, and said our good nights.

This was a great evening, and I would advise anyone of any age to give it a go. I did the same three caches with my young family, it does make it easier if one of you knows the general location, and they loved the treasure box seeing what had been left. We left mini dinosaurs! We are now planning holidays and have already seen a few that we can do in other areas, so yes; I have “cach’d” the bug!

James Foster

Letters Received

Speeding

30 years ago I was 24 years old and found the 30/40mph speed limit from Hughenden Valley to the Speen turn off irritating but possible. At 54 (and only incidentally a member of the IAM) it’s a breeze.

During that time two things have not changed. The first is irritated motorists trying to get on ... no amount of speed limits will improve their ability AT THAT TIME to drive at 29.9mph.

The second is many pedestrians are hurt through their own indifference, wilful carelessness and stunning idiocy.

I say nothing about children whose parents simply do not give them the deep moral responsibility to care for their own safety as opposed to the same carelessness their parents display as motorists and pedestrians.

Tony Ball

A worker at RAF High Wycombe.

National Library Deposits

I’m in Naphill just now visiting my parents and read your editorial in April’s edition of the Gazette in regard to depositing a copy of the Naphill Gazette with the British Library.

It is and always has been a legal requirement to lodge a copy of any publication with the British Library - the law dates back to 1662.

The Naphill Gazette may well only have a local readership but ‘parish’ magazines such as the Gazette are a treasure trove for historians, etc and are an integral part of the ‘Commonweal’. They would be in danger of disappearing for ever if it were not for this requirement to lodge copies with the British Library.

The reason for five extra copies has nothing to do with bureaucracy gone mad; it is because there are actually 6 legal deposit libraries. They are:

- British Library,
- National Library of Scotland,
- National Library of Wales,
- Bodleian Libraries, Oxford,
- University Library, Cambridge,
- Library of Trinity College, Dublin.

And the reason why electronic copies are not acceptable is that they will never last as long as the printed page – a book kept in the right conditions is, to all intents and purposes, indestructible. Electronic media storage and retrieval is already beginning to cause great concern as technology changes so rapidly and electronic media does, contrary to popular opinion, physically deteriorate.

So, keep the faith with the printed page!

Cheers, Adam

Open Letter To The Yob Who Vandalised My Car On Election Day

To park a car properly in a marked car park bay in the village hall car park is no crime.

To display a poster for a minority political party in that car is no crime.

To fix a sheet of material of some kind with sticky tape difficult to remove, across the car’s windscreen is. It’s called vandalism!

I hope the yob’s parents (I can’t believe an adult would act so childish) will tell the yob about the importance of free speech in our democracy.

Nazis, Fascists, Communists, IS and as the courts have recently decided, some immigrants in Tower Hamlets, can’t broke opposition. Mature adults counter it with reasoned argument, not stupid criminality.

Details supplied upon request

The Final Word

Firstly my apologies to Mrs Joyce Goodman who sent me some lovely, very old photographs carefully named and a newspaper cutting from back in the 1940's. They really are lovely and very interesting but I have just not been able to copy them so that they will print clearly in the magazine, I am so very sorry and disappointed that I am unable to share these with you all.

Secondly, I had intended to include a page of greetings for the NAPFEST weekend but this was a late thought / idea which I really haven't been able to organise so again, my apologies to those of you who so kindly sent these in. I hope to work more closely with the Napfest committee next year on the Napfest supplement.

As you know, I am very keen to improve the quality of the photographs we print in the magazine. The learning curve goes on. I will be introducing a "Dropbox" where original photo files can be placed for inclusion in the magazine.

My thanks to all our contributors, the Napfest supplement has been a bit of a mission but we got there eventually. The photographs included in the articles are as supplied by the article contributors. The cover as always, is designed by Richard Holroyd and once again, my sincere thanks to him. I have also used Richard's very splendid 'sun rider' photograph in the Napfest supplement cover. This cover is definitely my amateur effort and not attributed to Richard.

FINALLY! The great Napfest weekend! On behalf of the Gazette team I thank the organisers for all their hard work, may the sun shine and may it be a truly great village event enjoyed by everybody!



Sonia

Small Ads - continued

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June

3 June	FONC Short Walk - start Naphill Village Hall 10.30am
5 June	NAPFEST - Music on the Crick
6 June	NAPFEST - Fete Day on the Crick
7 June	NAPFEST - Classics on the Crick
14 June	Naphill Horticultural Society - Trip to Wisley Gardens
15 June	FONC Long Walk start Naphill Village Hall 9.30am
16 June	Something Chocolatey - Bon Ami 10am -2pm
21 June	Father's Day
24 June	Network Business Meetin - Bon Ami
30 June	Naphill Neighbours' GardenParty

July

1 July	FONC Short Walk
1 July	"Have Your Say" - Police - Bon Ami
2 July	Naphill Neighbours' Garden Party
7 July	Naphil Horticultural Society Annual Show - Village Hall
20 July	FONC Long Walk

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Adult Ballet	Wednesdays 6.15-7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Pam Sheen 716384
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30-6.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6 -7.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571 ruth.daly3@btinternet.com
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 700-8.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30-11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Walter's Ash	
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45-10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	RAF Walter's Ash	Phil Crawford 07500 007644
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Mondays 4.45-8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Elaine Tucker 816539 07974 121081 elainetuckeret@aol.com
	Tuesdays 3.30-7.30pm		
	Wednesdays 3.45-6.15pm		
Friends of Naphill Common (FONC)	Various	Various	Trevor Hussey 563767
Good Companions	First Thursday every month	Hughenden Village Hall	Sheila Veysey 562332
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7-8.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8-9pm	Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
Jujitsu	Monday Evening	RAF Walter's Ash	Holly 07957 727054
Line Dancing	Tuesdays 8-9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
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Mobile Library	Wednesday 10.55-11.30am 11.35 -11.55am 12.05 -12..20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month 7.45 for 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
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Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30 and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Wednesdays 7.30pm		
	Thursdays 5.45pm		
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30 -9.15pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillscouts@aol.com
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Tennis Club Senior Sessions Junior Coaching - Summer school term-only	Sundays 1.30pm	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david @tvemf.org Sarah Dengel 563706 sarah.dengel1@gmail.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com
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	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.00pm		
	Fridays 4.15-7.30pm Saturday 9-9.45am under 7s		
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Editorial

The great NAFEST! What an amazing three day village event! It is obvious from all the photographs and articles just how much this was enjoyed. The weather was good, the organisation was magnificent and a good time was had by all. Congratulations and thanks to Claire at the Wheel and her hard working committee. I am about to start on collating and arranging the articles and photographs into the Napfest Gazette Supplement which I hope you will all enjoy. My thanks to everybody who has contributed photographs and articles and of course to Richard Holroyd for our very special cover this month.

Apart from the Napfest this has been another busy month with lots of articles and news to include in this edition. I am especially pleased to be able to include an article from one of our older resident's memories of old Naphill. Mrs Goodman sent me an old article and some photographs from years ago. I was concerned that these would print properly but thanks to Geoff, our great printer, I am delighted to be able to share these with you.

This month we have the results of the recent traffic consultation document and a proposal to reduce the speed limit along Main Road as far as RAF High Wycombe, exact details in this magazine. Sadly there was a nasty car crash in Main Road a few weeks back. Thankfully the victims were not seriously injured and such instances are rare in our village but it is a timely reminder as to just how important road safety is! I have had several comments regarding the inconsiderate parking in our villages. I do understand that car parking space is at a premium but the "I'm only going to be a few minute" when you have parked blocking the pathway or a driveway may well cause a hazard and inconvenience to others.

Just a very quick reminder that there will be a Gazette next month. This August/September Gazette will be the combined month edition so I won't be sat in mid August in what I hope would be a sunny office, busily chasing you all for articles when many of you are on holiday and most organisations and clubs are closed. The copy date for this edition will be 15 July please. I should appreciate receiving all the last Napfest material and your usual contributions by this date please. The October edition will focus on the late Summer news and the forthcoming Autumn and Winter events.



Sonia Goby
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Hughenden Parish Council Report

HPC FACTOID #2 - We own eighteen dog waste bins in the Parish - four of which are in NAWA. They cost ~£4,000 annually to look after and empty twice a week.

Our second month into this four year term and we are starting to get into the swing of things.

Let's start by saying well done everyone for a fantastic Napfest. This is the second year of the new three day format and it was a wonderful weekend. Great to see so many people supporting this event. One of the nicest stories we came across was that of the electrician who looks after all the power and lighting requirements on the Crick. He doesn't live here - never has. He currently lives in St Albans but comes because he loves our village atmosphere.

Our quiet-ish location does on occasion resonate to the airborne thrum of Rolls-Royce engines and a few weeks back we had another example of this. As residents we've all appreciated this brief interlude from our back gardens or front pavement in the past. It was a real privilege therefore to attend the reason for this particular flypast, timed as it was for the lowering of the flag as part of the sunset ceremony at RAF High Wycombe complete with honour guard and band. It For some of us councillors this was our first invitation to the Annual Reception as guests of the still relatively new Station Commander Gp. Cpt. Philip Lester. He took the opportunity to thank all the organisations and people locally that support the RAF and again emphasized his desire to work with our local community.

One of our priorities as a new council is to spend less time in meetings and more time out in the Parish with residents, protecting and improving our immediate environment and with it, the quality of our lives. This isn't just us councillors but our staff too. To encourage this, the council decided to reduce the number of committees and the meetings held associated with them with immediate effect. This will have the benefit of giving time back to our staff as they won't have to prepare agenda and write up minutes for these either. We have also agreed that we should hold one of our monthly Full Council meetings in another part of the Parish this year. All our council meetings are open to the public to attend, either to just watch and listen or indeed to participate. Holding one of these in one of our local Village Halls or Schools gives more people the opportunity to see their council in action and engage with us. Watch this space as to when and where!

One of those areas where we like to get out and about is with our allotments. We have the annual allotment competition coming up on 18th July. We are looking to shake up the judging this year with at least one representative from our Allotment Liaison committee on the judging panel alongside councillors. We are also looking to add some other prize categories in the future. The range of produce is always impressive and many allotment holders put such hard work into their plots. There are also plenty of examples of inventive usages of everyday objects to improve growth and protect from the weather/insects. If you every need inspiration for your own garden, take a walk through one of the local allotment gardens (making sure your dog is on its lead if you bring one!)

Before this Gazette edition comes out we will be

holding our first council strategy session which is where we will be discussing and agreeing what our objectives are both in the short and long term. From the Parish survey we conducted, the areas of focus are pretty clear and one aspect has already been approved. That is the setting up of a Road Safety working group that will enable us to combine all the ongoing issues we have (Parking around the Co-op at Walter's Ash & outside the Post Office in Naphill, along with speeding and the general condition of our local roads) as well as new issues as they come along to ensure we coordinate with other local groups such as the Residents Association and Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) to keep driving these to some conclusion with the responsible agencies eg. Transport for Bucks.

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Bradenham Parish Council

At the election in May Bradenham Parish Council said farewell to Ken Hale and John Austin who had decided not to stand again, they were thanked for their time and contributions over their years of service.

At its first meeting after the election Bradenham parish council welcomed back four returning councillors and welcomed Stephen Shiu as a new councillor. There remained two vacancies. Teif Jones as chairman gave a brief report on the year gone by and the financial report for the year 2014-15 was presented.

At the Council's Annual parish council meeting Teif Jones was elected as Chairman and Arabella Grandage as Vice-Chair.

The two vacant council seats on the council had been advertised and three people had shown an interest.

At the ordinary meeting the chairman reported on the meeting he had had with Wycombe District Council on their intention for preparing a village plan for Saunderton to explore the options for the village to grow in a managed way. Saunderton is in a neighbouring parish and any growth would affect our parish.

The new gate at the entrance to Bradenham village is now in place and the parish council have received a number of compliments about the gate. The order for coloured strips to help speed reduction on Bradenham Woods Lane has been placed.

Paul Rogerson is pursuing a grant to have a defibrillator placed in the Bradenham phone box. The council have contributed £500 to this scheme.

The A4010 as a proposed HS2 construction route continues to keep the council busy. The chairman visited the Select Committee when they came to Stoke Mandeville Hospital on 11th June. The council have now combined its efforts to have the construction route removed from the A4010, with Princes Risborough, West Wycombe, Buckinghamshire County Council, the National Trust and Wycombe District Council.

An extra ordinary meeting was held to co-opt two new councillors to the council. Three very capable people had shown an interest and Richard Langridge and Paul Oborn were elected to serve on the council for the next four years.

At the same meeting the Head of Planning and Sustainability at Wycombe District Council addressed the Council with an update on the planning proposals for the Molins site in Saunderton and the Saunderton village Plan.

The speed limit review for New Road, Walter's Ash is currently being investigated by the Council. The proposal is to extend the 30mph zone further toward Lacey Green, but the proposal is not for it to go as far as the parish council had originally asked for. The RAF will fund the change in the speed limit, once it has been agreed.

The next meeting will be Monday 13th July at 7.00pm at Bradenham Cricket Club, members of the public welcome to attend.

Deirdre Hansen

Clerk to the Council. clerk@bradenham.org.uk

Naphill & Walter's Ash Resident's Association

We are thinking of Gloria and Malcolm Le Flaive, stalwarts of the residents association for almost thirty years, as they struggle with Malcolm's recent ill health. We hope that he will make a full recovery and wish them both well.

Crime prevention & Property marking:

NAWARA are pleased to announce that we are sponsoring a Naphill Crime Prevention and property marking event to be run by Thames Valley Police in the Village Hall on Sunday 23rd August 2015 from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Come and talk to the experts in crime prevention and bring along any property you would like to be marked.

The Big Picnic: To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Open Spaces Society and in conjunction with the High Wycombe Society, we are organizing a Big Picnic to take place on Wycombe Rye on Sunday 9th August 12-4pm. The Open Spaces Society is Britain's oldest national conservation body and exists to protect commons, greens and paths, and people's access to them. The Big Picnic is a free community event, you bring your picnic and the entertainment is provided. There will be river trails, yoga classes, jester and circus skills workshop, Morris dancing and much more.

Speed Limit changes in Walters Ash: Following a request by the RAF for the 30mph speed limit along New Road in Walters Ash to be extended to beyond the entrance to the Air Command, Bucks CC have now posted public notices showing the stretch of road that it is proposing to add to the current 30mph zone. The full length did not meet with DoT guidelines and NAWARA Committee was disappointed to see that the proposed extension is no further than just beyond the last bungalow and does not include the bend in the road. We consider this to be a dangerous, somewhat blind bend. However the notice asks for 'objections to or support for' the proposal as it stands, and we understand that any changes requested might require a new application, assessment and funding. Any comments should be submitted to Laura Bamford, Legal Services (email lbamford@bucksgov.uk)

Planning List for 9th June 2015

Applications

Retention of mobile home for a temporary period. 40 Main Road Naphill HP14 4QB Ref. No: 15/06374/FUL Status: Pending Consideration (no objection as temporary)Crown

reduction of the height, by approximately 6 metres back to a suitable branch union and side lateral reduction of the branch length (width) from over the drive and garage by approximately 2 metres back to a suitable branch union to row of 7 Beech trees. Crown lift the lowest branch from over the drive back to the edge of the drive to a Scots Pine (alternative scheme to p/p **14/07459/TPO**) Lacey Drive Naphill: **Ref No15/06373/TPO** Status: Pending Decision (No objection)Householder application for erection of single storey side extension & single storey rear extension Little Moseley House Stocking Lane Naphill HP14 4RE **Ref. No: /06295/FUL** Status: Pending Consideration (objection - use of green belt agricultural land)
Erection of new detached 3-bed dwelling with attached single garage, creation of new access with associated parking & landscaping Land at 40 Main Road Naphill Buckinghamshire HP14 **Ref. No: 15/06237/FUL** (Received: Thu 07 May 2015 [Validated: Fri 15 May 2015] Status: Pending Consideration (Objection - site overdevelopment)Householder application for construction of metallic flue (retrospective) Garden Cottage 238A Main Road HP14 4RX **Ref. No: 15/06085/FUL** Status: Pending Consideration (No objection)

Decisions

Householder application for demolition of existing side open car port and part demolition of the existing side garage in order to create a detached garage. Construction of part two storey, part first floor rear extension following part demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of detached outbuilding (garden room) to rear garden. Witches Moon Stocking Lane Naphill HP14 4NE **Ref. No: 15/05654/FUL** Status: Application Permitted
Householder application for construction of new hard surfaced driveway across common land at rear of property, single storey extension and alterations to existing garage and proposed single storey rear porch (part retrospective) 16 Braeside Naphill HP14 4RY **Ref. No: 15/05235/FUL** [Status: Application Permitted
Listed building application for construction of single storey side and rear extensions and replace some existing windows using painted hardwood, remove the painted feather-edge boarding to the uppers walls of the existing western extension and replace with plain lime-sand stucco render to a wood float finish. Apply over the striated sand-cement render to the lower walls of the existing western extension with new lime-sand stucco render with Ashlar joints and continue the core building raised string course at the base of the first floor as a stucco band. Little Moseley House Stocking Lane Naphill HP14 4RE **Ref. No: 15/05653/LBC** Status: Application Permitted

Our next meeting will be on the 9 July in the Village Hall at 8 pm, all residents are most welcome.

Claire Patten

Editorial Comment: *My grateful thanks to Claire for taking on the reporting on behalf of the Residents Association. I should like to add my very best wishes to Gloria and Malcolm at this difficult time.*

Your say on Road Safety in Walter's Ash

A reduction to 30mph max speed has been proposed (and is being funded) by RAF High Wycombe along New Road which is currently 40mph as you come into Walter's Ash from Lacey Green.

If you walk along the footpaths by the road you will have seen notices pinned to the road signs about this

but it hasn't really been publicised anywhere else.

Bucks County Council has indicated that only part of the section (0.15 miles / 240metres) should have its speed limit reduced (which would include the zebra crossing) missing out the entrance/exits to the Station, Parkwood and the Whiteleaf Bowmen Archery Club (0.3 Mile/ 480metres). This means those drivers entering Walters Ash from Lacey Green would go from a 60mph limit to 40mph just before the RAF Base and then less than ½ mile later down to 30mph.

There have been several collisions along this section of road including sadly, the fatality of a pedestrian in March 2013.

For the sake of the 400metres (and the whole 8 SECONDS longer it will take to travel this at max 30mph rather than 40mph) would it not make sense to apply the 30mph across the whole section which takes in The RAF car park

The public consultation is open until July 10th. Objections and representations to the proposal together with the grounds on which they are made must be sent in writing to the Council, marked for the attention of Laura Bamford, Legal Services (email lbamford@buckscc.gov.uk)

All details and how to lodge your comments are available at <https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx>.

Peter Williams

Chairman of Hughenden Parish Council

Friends of Naphill Common

Many thanks to all those who joined the Friends of Naphill Common or renewed their membership at the Napfest. We have well over a hundred members and this support gives us the authority to work for the protection and improvement of the Common. As the recent felling has shown, we cannot control some of the decisions that are made but we can influence the outcome. We were able to mark those trees we felt should be preserved and those around the ponds that we would like to remove. We also managed to influence the way the bridleways were widened and get the worst of the ruts smoothed out. With your support we hope to have the same level of influence over the future series of felling.

Thanks also go to the historian Marian Miller for leading the history walk NAPHILL IN 1913. Following on from the very popular walk last year, Part 2 covered the half of Naphill between The Wheel and Walters Ash, visiting some of our oldest buildings.

You are welcome on our regular walks. Chris Miller leads our short walks (2 to 3 miles) starting at 10.30am from the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month. Ron Collins leads the longer walks of about five miles (2½ to 3 hours) on the third Monday of each month and the dates are as follows: 20th July, 17th Aug, 21st Sept, 19th Oct, 16th Nov and 21st Dec. Meet at the Village Hall at 9.25am for a start at 9.30am sharp. All our walks are cost free to join.

The long walk scheduled for the 18 May had to be postponed owing to heavy rain. It was rearranged for Monday 1st June when fortunately the weather was more kind to us. The walk was five miles long

and started at The Black Horse in Fulmer. It took us alongside the Pickeridge estate which until recently was the HQ for the waste disposal group SITA. We noticed a significant amount of Japanese Knotweed on the estate as we passed by which will no doubt cause some concern if any development is going to take place on the estate! We continued walking through open countryside up Hedgerley Hill to Church Wood, an RSPB nature reserve near Hedgerley. From there we walked adjacent to the M40 motorway for a short distance passing Low Farm before arriving back at Fulmer. It was a nice easy walk with some lovely



countryside to appreciate. A fine lunch was enjoyed at The Black Horse by a group of thirteen.

Our work parties continue. The focus at the moment is on the paths and Japanese Knotweed eradication. Towards the end of the year we will be planting out the junipers and working on the ponds. If you would like to join the work parties please contact Peter Davis (Tel. 569303). They are a friendly group who usually



meet on the first Sunday (and sometimes on the third Sunday) of the month, but you can join in as frequently or infrequently as you like.

Chris Miller
Chairman

Naphill Men's Football Club

The 2014/15 season began with a revamped squad with many of our old squad opting to join lower league teams. Naphill Men's Football Team set their stall out by trying to achieve promotion to the "big time" as members of the Sunday Premier League.

It was a really slow start for the newly formed team with draws and defeats when perhaps, if they had been playing together longer, they would have triumphed. As the team found their feet they started to play the Barcelona way! We began to see great football! Our committed young players gelled as a team and played with passion and determination. The match results improved and Naphill started to climb the table, winning against opposition from higher in the league table.

Promoted to League 1, Naphill faced their local rivals, Lacy Green in an away match. The match was played at a great tempo with both teams determined to win. Naphill played superbly and emerged triumphant! The final score. 3-4 to Naphill. The return leg was another exciting game which Naphill won 2-1 and so the double win was achieved!

There was of course, the odd defeat. One of these was against a Beaconsfield reserve team. On the return leg Naphill played with great determination and secured a 3-2 victory on their home ground, RAF High Wycombe. Unfortunately this victory was marred by some disgusting behaviour by some of the Beaconsfield reserve team players who threw mud all over the changing rooms, smeared more mud over the changing room mirrors and completed their destruction by kicking a hole in the changing room wall. As these changing rooms were brand new and ready for the grand opening by Princess Ann, our Station Commander has banned our club from using these facilities for matches opponents indefinitely. Sadly this means that our team are forced to look for a new location for the forthcoming 2015/16 season.

Naphill Men's Team finished 3rd in their league and so what had started as a dismal season turned out well with a close finish between the teams in the top three positions and so our promotion prospects are looking good! This will be decided at the league AGM.

Our team would like to thank Colin and his wife Cath, directors of Active Pest Control who run a local business within the village for their sponsorship and the time and money they have donated to our club. With their help our club has been able to progress! We do very much need new sponsors to support our club and continue the support APC have given us. If you are able to help us please contact me, Phil Crawford, on 07500007644. I also still have a few Naphill Men's Football Scarves for sale at £7 each so again, if you would like one, please contact me.

At our annual awards ceremony the awards were as follows:

Players player of the season - Scott Penney

Managers Player of the Season - Matt Webb

Clubman of the Year - Steve Drummond

Top Goal Scorer - Taylor Hart 25 games played 22 goals scored. (photo)

Phil Crawford
Manager
07500 007644



Once again, we have decided to decorate our hall with all our own artwork! As summer is here, we have transformed the school hall into our very own Summer Fete! We were given some inspiration but it was up to us what we created for our half term homework.

There were so many plants brought in that we had to make a rota to make sure they were all watered regularly. Year 5 are studying plants in Science so it's good practice for them!

This term, Reception have been learning about animals. To their delight, their teachers organised a trip to Whipsnade Zoo which they all enjoyed. Thanks to the parents who went with them as without their help the children wouldn't have been able to go.

Cordelia Thompson and Daniel Hooper,
Year 6 Editorial Team

Naphill Horticultural Society

I don't think I have ever seen such lush growth in the garden! The mild winter clearly encouraged everything to grow, even if the colder weather recently has tried to spoil things. Unfortunately, the weeds liked it too!!

This year would have marked the 70th Anniversary of our shows, so we were hoping that lots of you have had great successes in your garden or on your allotment, and would come and proudly shown off your favourites at our Summer Show. Sadly, due to circumstance beyond our control, we have had to cancel this year's Summer Horticultural Show on Saturday 4th July. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused. We hope to hold our Autumn Show on Saturday 5th September as normal.

If you have not yet got a schedule for our forthcoming events please contact Hannah Fradley or myself right away, pop into Bon Ami, or download the schedule from our website. The schedule covers the Autumn show, so you can plan ahead for September. We are disappointed to have had to cancel our Summer Show and look forward to welcoming you to our Autumn Show in September.

Happy gardening and have a great Summer.



Cathryn Carter
563233.

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Letter from our Methodist Minister

In the course of this year, more people will visit Spain than almost any country on earth, including my wife and I. Most will fly there, a few will drive, some like us will fly partway and then drive, a few will go by ferry, and a few thousand will walk there! The walkers are mainly pilgrims on the Way of St James, converging on Santiago de Compostela, (in NW Spain) after a few hundred miles.

But I wanted to tell you of a man setting out in a boat for Spain long ago. He wasn't a pilgrim but his reasons for travelling were kind of religious. He wasn't heading for the NW corner of Spain, in fact he would have settled for anywhere in Spain, or for that matter anywhere a long way away. Perhaps that's the way many people choose their holiday destination!

He wasn't from UK, but set out from Jaffa. No jaffa cakes in those days, but no doubt some jaffa oranges for the journey. It wasn't a regular ferry route, and this was a cargo ship, but he paid an agreed fare.

Like modern tourists, he was a man who was getting away from it all, except he hadn't been saving up his annual leave for that special holiday of a lifetime, and he should have been at work. He just didn't fancy his allotted task.

He'd been assigned to go to Mosul in Northern Iraq. Given the modern news reports from that part of the world, maybe you and I would also have preferred a different assignment!

In those days Mosul was a vast commercial, political and religious city, one of the biggest cities in the world, and no more troubled than any other city. But like all cities it was an immoral place. Our man's task was to go and clean up that city before it was too late.

Arguably an impossible task. But our man had no sympathy for the immoral people of Mosul: "Let them rot! I'm off to Spain!" And off he went.

Maybe you recognise this story of Jonah, and I'm sure you know of the storm, and how they threw him into the sea and he got swallowed by a great fish, who spewed him up onto the beach back where he started. Possibly you're less familiar with Part 2 of the story, when the Lord assigned him again to go to Nineveh (as Mosul was known in those days) and warn them of the looming disaster brought about by their immorality. Reluctantly Jonah went back to work, and I don't think he ever got his visit to Spain. But the people of Nineveh heeded the warning and changed their ways and disaster was averted.

For each of us the balance between work and leisure, between our responsibilities and our freedoms, is delicate but vital. Sometimes we are called to do the impossible, or are stuck with a situation we don't like and maybe don't approve of. Sometimes we'd prefer to run away (to Spain or anywhere!). Mostly, the right thing is to stick with it and see it through, but sometimes a break (a holiday) can refresh us, and give us a new perspective, and a revived enthusiasm.

I hope (and pray) that this holiday season will be good for you all.



Mike Hill
Minister for Naphill Methodist Church

Best Kept Village News

By the time you read this the judging of our village for the De Fraine Cup is likely to have taken place; the result will not be known until mid July.

Once again many people have worked unobtrusively to wash signposts and pick up litter. I have had several requests to borrow a litter picker and our village is looking tidier as a result.

Specific contributions to the attractiveness of Naphill have also been made. Judy Whitehouse has made up hanging baskets again, Trish Bowen continues to ensure the War Memorial surrounds are attractive and tidy and Bill Price has removed the weeds at the bottom of walls around the Village Hall. The flower bed by the Scout and Guide Hut is also looking good. FONC members have refurbished the information boards on the Common. Both our pubs have colourful flower displays and are always tidy and well maintained.

The Napfest was a great success and the organisers are to be congratulated on the fact that the Crick was litter free afterwards. Very well done!

Weeds in kerbs and at the bottom of garden walls detract from the general good appearance, as does the fact that the verges are not cut often enough. Not all these things are in our control so we have done the best we can.

Here's hoping for a good result!



Peggy Ewart

Napfest 2015





Napfest Committee

Report

Congratulations to my amazing team who have worked so very hard on organising this brilliant weekend. I know from all the chat and kind letters/emails I have received that all your hard work has been much appreciated by the village. I personally wish to thank you all, Ian Bond, Sarah Creaser, Kat Dunlap, Sam Keen, Andy Pope, Neil Roblett, Hilary Spain and Steve Wicks you were all awesome.

The weekend was absolutely superb and amazingly we had nearly the right weather, as it was a little chilly on the Friday evening. Music on the Crick was simply brilliant, the atmosphere in the marquee was electric (possibly not the right choice of words due to the substation blowing up at 1pm)! It was wonderful to see so many local residents out with their families and friends, enjoying their picnics, and generally making the most of a great community event. The Black Lion did a wonderful job organising the bar again this year. Thanks very much to them and as always it was very popular. I also hope you liked the catering changes made, and that you managed to try a delicious pizza or hog roast roll. By the time The Deps were on stage, for some the alcohol had taken effect, and the marquee was literally jumping. It was very rewarding to see so many people dancing and singing, we really hope you enjoyed it.

Southern Electric saved us from ruin and were brilliant in the afternoon, responding immediately with their engineers on site to get us up and running again very quickly.

Our traditional fete day was as brilliant as ever. There are so many thanks to go out to all our volunteers that run the stalls, if it wasn't for you it simply wouldn't happen. The processions new format 'Walking Tableau' went remarkably well considering it was the first one, and it was great to have so many of our organisations and clubs taking part, you all looked brilliant. I have since realised that in order to read out the information provided by each group I need to slow the procession down, (lesson learned for next year)! Our Fete Princes and Princesses led the procession around the field, being driven

in the Sytner BMW and Mini, and gave us all a very royal wave as they passed, then officially opened the Fete with the traditional cutting of the ribbon. Did you see the beautiful bouquets our princesses were carrying? They were arranged and donated by Karen Elliott, who we thank very much.

We had great support from the RAF and many other stalls, however, we do feel that the field needs to be fuller next year, which is something to work harder on.

So prizes on the day were awarded to:

Walking Tableau

0 – 11 yrs Naphill & Walters Ash Pre-School
12 – 17 yrs Naphill Brownies
18 yrs + The Wheel PH

Fancy Dress

0 – 11 yrs Katie Boothroyd & James Martin
12 – 17 yrs Isabel Bond
18 yrs + Judy Blofeld

Best in Show Chloe Page

Classics on the Crick has taken on its own life and was inundated with cars, I have never seen so many people on the Crick. They definitely had the best weather which showed in the turnout of all the different vehicles. Ian will be filling you in on the rest of the day in a separate article. A massive well done to his team.

There are so many people to thank I'm really not sure where to start, a great number of people were mentioned in the June Gazette but we did miss a few. My team would like to thank Al Keen for the loan of his mobile home, it was luxury to stay in something with so much space! We would also like to thank Rosco and John for helping us with the set up, the Venture Scouts for Friday Night clear up, furniture moving and patrol, and Ron Carter for stepping in and judging with Station Commander Gp Capt Philip Lester.

We will update everyone on how successful we were at a later date. In the meantime Thanks to everyone who supported this great weekend and if you want to help next year let me know!



Claire and the Committee

Naphill Tennis Club

We had a very successful Fete Day with a steady stream of customers to the tennis courts for the 'Ball Machine Challenge' plus strawberries & cream. Our mobile strawberry sellers did a great job as did all our helpers in preparing strawberries and running the ball machine.

This year, some of our older and younger club members took part in the 'Wild West' Parade and enjoyed dressing up as Cowboys/Cowgirls and Indians. Tennis racquets came in useful for firing volleys.....!



Junior Coaching continues until the end of the summer school term and Improvers' Coaching is ongoing for as long as there is a demand for it.

Our coach, Mel Burn, is running a Children's Summer Tennis Camp from Monday 17th – Friday 21st August. Please contact Mel direct (melebbles@hotmail.com) to book your place.

For information on club membership, please contact the Membership Secretary (see list of Clubs & Organisations at front of Gazette). Reduced rates for new members.

Jenny Tench

Naphill Evening W.I.

Did you notice our "Treemendous" celebration of 100 years of WI? We decorated a tree on the crick with bunting and bows as part of a County-wide initiative to promote WI. Members were asked to supply one or two triangles each and the craft group sewed them together. We thought it would be a good idea to coincide with Napfest but there was rather a large quantity of bunting on the crick at that time. So ours didn't exactly stand out!

Thanks to all the WI members who made and served endless teas, coffees, sandwiches and cakes in the Village Hall and everyone who supplied tombola prizes and sold tickets on the Saturday of Napfest.

Thanks also go to Flackwell Heath WI, who organised the special screening of the WI AGM from the Royal Albert Hall at Cine World. Members of WIs from all around High Wycombe enjoyed this event.

When you read this we will have had our Birthday Party on 18 June when members will bring savoury and sweet dishes so that we can enjoy a delicious supper. The speaker will be Bob Harding-Jones on "Laughter in the Village". On 16 July our talk is entitled "Digital Magic Memories" and the competition is for a photograph that turned out funny. Let's see if we can all find one.

Events to look forward to in the summer include a Croquet and Games evening on 2 July and a Centenary Garden Party on the afternoon of 21 July.

The Food Group are planning lunches in July and August, details of which will be given at WI and the Craft Group will be meeting again soon.

Carol Gilliam.



**Naphill
Evening
W.I.**



Naphill Neighbours

Our June outing to the Cotswolds was enjoyed by all despite the weather which wasn't too kind to us and caused our planned trip on the Thames in a replica Edwardian launch to be cancelled due to the high winds and swirling water.

A great Napfest weekend and our cake stall did excellent business with a huge selection of home baked cakes. Thank you to all those kind bakers and buyers!

On Monday 13th July, at our monthly club meeting, we will be entertained by Mr William French, talking about his life as a butler to royalty.

Our next outing will be on Thursday 30th July, when

we go to Millets Farm and then on to the Waterfront Café near Benson for a cream tea. We leave the Village Hall at 1pm and expect to be back home by about 6pm. If you would like to join us please phone Hazel on 563977.

There has been a change of date for our garden party, which we have moved to Monday 10th August, 2.30 to 4.30pm at Irving Cottage, 89 Main Road. Entry will be £4. We will be serving a cream tea and there will be a bring and buy stall and raffle. Everyone is most welcome.

We are hoping to organise a trip to Gloucester Quays later in the year.

Looking forward to a warm and sunny summer.

Hazel Vickery, 563977.



Christians in the Community

What a great weekend for the Napfest. Congratulations to all the people who organized it!

In our marquee we had a live band playing and plenty of lots of children putting their prayers onto the 'cactus'. Three of our members joined the procession and paraded behind their banner.

We are planning a coffee morning for the runners in Hughenden park, we will be involved in the locally based "Sharing of Faiths" as well as "Wycombe Youth for Christ."



Norma Clarke



Second Hand Emporium

The second hand emporium was once again a great success this year as every year and it alone raised over £700 on the day.

In my last article I said I would be giving this stall up and asked for volunteers to take over.... the silence has been deafening so far... This is a great stall and always raises a large amount of money for the village hall and playing fields, an amenity we all use and enjoy but it needs someone to step up and run it. I will stay on the fete committee and still run Classics on the Crick which is getting bigger and bigger but I cannot run this stall as well though I will of course be on hand to help. Please call me on 564824,

Ian Bond

The Book Stall

What a success and so many people to thank! My very willing band of helpers, who I won't name but they know who they are; the wonderful people who donated probably the best books I have ever been given and all you wonderful people who spent lots of money at our stall! Considering it is the age of the Kindle you all did well, helping us to raise almost £400.00.

So, many, many thanks, hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did and look forward to you spending money with us again next year.

Finally, Michael and I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to the Fete team. You work so hard and have managed to make the second year of the 'Napfest' as brilliant a weekend as the first one. Well done to you all.

Pauline Pool

The Wheel

Well there's really only one thing to talk about in this month's Gazette and that is of course Napfest. Firstly I would like to apologise to my husband and staff for the last month of me running around like a headless chicken organising Napfest and very much leaving them to a very busy pub. I thank you all for getting along and helping to keep me sane, also for selling lots and lots of tickets both for Friday and Grand Draw tickets.

The weekend could not have been better and for the first year in a long time we actually didn't get any rain! Friday was definitely one of the longest days of my life as I am sure you all aware there was a slight problem with a lack of electricity! Unfortunately this did have a massive knock on effect to our lunch trade, but thankfully was all sorted out by the evening. Music on The Crick was a great success and I'm pleased that many of my staff got to experience it this year.

This year The Wheel had an extremely successful Fete day as all my staff made a huge effort with their costumes and I have to say looked absolutely amazing (I have included a group photo so can see how great they looked, courtesy of Ian Banks). I promise that I had nothing to do with the end results (although I'm

sure some of you will question it)! My amazing staff achieved the following over the weekend;

- 1st prize - Best Adult Walking Tableaux
- Best Fancy Dress Costume went to Chloe (but you all looked brilliant)
- 3rd in Golden Oldies (Dog Show) - went to Amber for carrying her own lead!
- Modified Bikes, Race and Custom category - Gold award to my Hubby

Classics on The Crick was unbelievable Ian Bond and his team have created a monster, the amount of cars and bikes that turned up was brilliant, Jan Pearce would have been so proud I can see his smile as I write this. Our staff worked extremely hard to keep up with the level of trade here, as it never seemed to stop. The highlight for Mark was winning Gold for his race bike which from my point was well deserved as he spends a great many hours making sure it's beautiful!

I should like to thank everyone for all their support and help over the Napfest weekend, all our customers and especially our staff have been amazing. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Claire and Mark

Editorial Comment: *The photographs supplied courtesy of The Wheel have been used to create the front page of this supplement and the staff photograph is included there.*

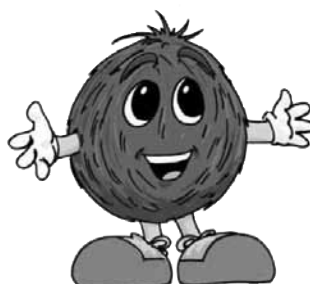
Naphill Scouts

Bit of a quiet month for the scouts as we recovered from our water weekend camp. All the "not quite so exciting" parts of after camp putting things away to be done, tents to be checked and in some cases some repairs. Our tents do work hard for a living so zips and poles tend to suffer. After that, checking all the mess kit, gas burners and cooking utensils were in the right boxes, ready to be used next time.

We had a night hike around parts of Naphill and Naphill Common with the assistance of some of our parent volunteers. Things are a bit easier in the summer term as it does not really get dark during our scouting time and it is more difficult to get lost.

We also had a games night on the crick when the patrol leaders chose and organized the games for the younger scouts.

Finally, a big thank you to all of you that came and visited our coconut shy at the village fete. For those of you who won a coconut, well done and we hope you enjoyed them. For those of you who did not, then come back and see us next year as we will have plenty more just waiting for you to take home. All you have to do is knock them off the stick!



Mark Powell
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Classics on the Crick

I think word may have got out that Classics on the Crick this year was a very great success! In only its second year, it had more than double the number of classic vehicles and a huge number of visitors. Last year we donated £1500 to charity, this year it will £4500, a significant improvement!

We did have a few problems getting vehicles on to the field quickly enough without causing hold ups on Main Road and this is something we will need to look at for next year. In the end, we attracted about 270 classic vehicles and many more visitors and I would like to thank everyone who attended, with or without a classic, you all helped make it a fantastic day!

We have now given up on the farmers market, there seems to be a real reluctance for people to attend but we were well supported with the food this year with Mozzarella Nation, Open Air Foods, Orchard View Farm, Kirsty's Kitchen and of course Bon Ami! I think you will all agree the standard of catering was excellent! They will of course all return next year. I would also like to thank Malt for running the bar with a selection of their great beers!!

While I'm on the subject of thanks, I must thank my team who put in a huge amount of work to make this happen, Mark for handling the website, entries, signage design and much more. John and Bill for the treasure hunt and Sam for her media work and organising the judging. Many thanks also to Paddy Hopkirk for his prize giving and being our star guest once again!

Last but by no means least, a huge thanks to all the volunteers who helped out on the day to man the gates and marshall cars onto the field, we couldn't have done it without you and please, we need more of you for next year!!!

Ian Bond





Naphill Brownies

With the summer in full swing, many people start thinking about holiday travel. We have taken this as an opportunity to have a go at our World Traveller badge. So far, we have made passports to record our 'travel' and then we 'visited' worldwide destinations to try crafts – North America (dream-catchers), China (fans) and Japan (ink marbling) - and foods (Italy/ China).

We have walked to Hughenden and used the timetable to plan our return journey by bus, made postcards to send and taken part in the Wild West themed fete - We had a great time at the fete running our 'human fruit machine'.

We have made use of the lighter evenings for some outdoor games such as outdoor 'Cluedo' and 'Capture the Flag', and with the Women's World Cup (football) in full swing we have had our own mini football tournament.

The term is racing along, but we still have lots in store – food tasting, enrolments, wacky Olympics (with Hughenden and Walters Ash brownies) and our Summer Stayaway

Brown Owl (Ruth Daly)

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Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

Well of course our June meeting was dominated by the arrangements for Napfest - and what a wonderful weekend that was. For once the weather played ball and so folk were able to thoroughly enjoy the entire weekend, from the Friday evening, which did get a little chilly, through Saturday and then Sunday without having to shelter from the rain. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the committee ably lead by Claire who took on the onerous task of organising it all. I do not have any financial result at the time of writing, but regardless of the profits, it provided a wonderful weekend for the entire community. Thank you fete committee from us all.

Some groups that meet in the small hall have been entering via Bon Ami. This has meant that the fire doors have to be left open and with Bon Ami now serving hot food it poses some health and safety issues. In future entry to these classes in the small hall will be by the door near the men's club round the back of the Hall. We do appreciate that this is right by the gents, but we are trying to make that corridor more attractive.

We are running out of storage space and need to have more space to store all the sports equipment safely and securely. It has been decided that we will investigate getting a storage container to be sited next to the electricity sub station on the way round to the scouts and guides hut.

We have paid the deposit on the ball wall that we are planning to site on the Crick near the play area. This will have a goal, basketball hoops and

targets for developing both ball skills and cricket. It is surrounded by mesh to stop balls travelling too far and should not produce any extra noise. It would be good to have this in place before the end of the summer holidays, so fingers crossed we can proceed with it a.s.a.p.

As I write the slide in the play area is out of action as it has been damaged and is unsafe. There is a hole near the base of the slide with a protruding jagged edge. Hughenden Parish Council accept responsibility for the slide and are currently looking to provide a replacement. Hopefully it will be in place by the time you get to read this.

Our next fundraiser will be the fireworks in November. Let's hope we get a cracking summer to enjoy before then!

Sarah Bacon

Chairman, Naphill Village Hall
and Playing Fields Council

The Black Lion

What a fantastic NAPFEST weekend! We had a very enjoyable Friday evening running the bar. It was good to see so many people having a great time. As always, it was a busy weekend for all of us here in the Black Lion. Well done and thank you to all of the organisers.

We've been very busy over the last month with lots of parties going on and when the sun shines the garden has been full of happy folk enjoying themselves.

Our new menu is under way. With the summer in mind there's lots of lighter bites, snacks and different main meals served all day. Our kitchen times are Monday to Saturday 12-9 and Sunday 12-8

The bouncy castle is up every day now and with the new swings and slides there is plenty to entertain all ages!

As we go to press it is NFC junior and youth presentation day sponsored by the Black Lion we hope you have really good day and see you all soon.

As we get busier we are looking for experienced bar and kitchen staff to join our friendly team so pop a C.V in and ask for Jack.

As always thank you for your support
Jack and all the team

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I noticed in a recent edition of the Gazette you featured some photographs taken of inconsiderate parking within the locality. You may be interested to view the attached which I took on Tuesday afternoon (9th June) outside my home at 34 Main Road. I may add that all the vehicles were visiting my neighbour at No 32, however they chose to park outside my property.

The entrance to my drive is between the two hedges

visible above the silver van. This caused a danger to me and my daughter as we drove home from the direction of Walters Ash. The position of the black car meant that I was unable to approach my drive directly and had to reverse back onto Main Road thus causing an obstruction to the 5 vehicles behind me.



Kind regards,
Mrs Angie Green

Please park your vehicle with due consideration for others!



Dear Sonia,

We are so lucky to have the same swallows revisit us each year and this year we have had a bumper crop of babies born.



Here is a picture of two of them perched on our stable door not quite sure whether to fly or wait for Mum to come back. Mum came back and got them going in the end.



The other chap was not so sure and has stayed put in the roof for now !!

Certainly not front page quality photography but hope you like it none the less.

Kind regards
Bryan
Moseley Hill Farm

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Sheila's Tea Party

I find it hard to believe but it is "Tea Party" time again! This is being held on Thursday 30 July from 2.30pm to 4.30pm at the Village Hall.

After the date and time had been arranged we found out that Naphill Neighbours are having an afternoon outing. However, not everyone in the village belongs to Naphill Neighbours so we are sure that we will still get plenty of support.

If anyone going on the afternoon trip would like to support our tea party with a donation, raffle prize or an item for the gift stall it would be much appreciated.

Many Thanks,
Sheila Veysey

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RAF High Wycombe Annual Reception 2015

More than 130 guests from the local community have gathered to take part in the station's 2015 Annual Reception.

On the 3rd of June, dignitaries, charity workers and community representatives were hosted by station personnel and treated to live music from the RAF Central Band and the RAF High Wycombe Ladies Choir, before enjoying a sunset parade with flypast from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.

Hosts interacted with guests discussing recent local achievements, and no doubt arranging the support for coming events. The hustle and bustle was then silenced by a trumpet call from the Central Band, handing the stage over to the RAF High Wycombe Ladies Choir to sing a variety of songs from Billy Joel to The Vamps to Jason Mraz!

Following this fantastic performance the Station Commander took the opportunity to thank all the

guests for their support to RAF High Wycombe over the past year, and told them he and the station look forward to doing more good work together in the coming months.

To end the event the guests and hosts proceeded outside to enjoy a sunset ceremony with a parade commanded by Fg Off James Hadfield. After two years of cancelled flypasts guests were excited but unsure if we would be lucky with the weather and the mechanics of the scheduled Spitfire. With excellent weather, in the distance an engine could be heard, and on the stroke of 2030 the band began playing the 'Retreat Call', the Parade 'presented arms', the Station Commander saluted the lowering of the Ensign, and the Spitfire flew overhead.

The event was a huge success and the Station Commander and his staff wish to thank all those in the community, whether they managed to attend or not, for their hard work and patience with us, and look forward to success in the year to come.

Flt Lt Andy Keeley



Bon Ami

It's cream tea time at Bon Ami – Summer is here ! We are in the process of sourcing copious amounts of Rodda's Clotted Cream so do come along and treat yourself (and perhaps someone else too !) it is what English summers are all about.

June has seen the last of our Something Chocolatey Workshops until September, it is too warm for the chocolate to set in the summer. Workshops will run throughout the autumn and up to Christmas so do book your place if you are interested in creating some fabulous treats.

Usual dates for your diary are Naphill Business Network meeting on 22nd July at 08:30 and the Thames Valley Police "Have your Say" on 1st July from 2pm to 4pm.

A huge thank you for all the organisers and helpers of the Napfest weekend, it was a memorable two days and one evening !



We look forward to seeing you soon

Amanda and Ruth

Saint Botolph's Church Services

5 July	11 am	Eucharist
12 July	11 am	Eucharist
19 July	11 am	Eucharist
26 July	11 am	Matins



Peggy Ewart

Picture This

Since we last met, I've been to the seaside. After packing the dog, jeans, tee shirts, storm-proof clothing, cameras and tripod, I was miffed to find that I hadn't enough room for my bucket and spade. I was on my way to the wild, Atlantic coast of Cornwall. Sun, surf, sunburn and endless Beachboys music.

I'd decided to go on a bit of a photographer's pilgrimage. I was going to follow in the footsteps of photographer Andrew Nadolski. Over a period of 10 years, Nadolski had photographed Porth Nanven, a secluded, rugged, ever-changing beach covered in white and pink granite boulders. These boulders look like huge dinosaur eggs. The beach faces west so I knew that late afternoon would offer the best light and with the tide receding, the beach would be pristine, and safe.

Arriving at the car park, I found just one other vehicle - a VW camper van - but, disappointingly, no "Bar-Bar-Bar, Bar-Barbera-Ann" drifting in the air.

I went for a recce. Porth Nanven was tiny. Tiny. It was also dangerous with a very fragile-looking cliff towering over the beach and.....well, dull.... and not very inspirational. I recognised some of the

huge granite rocks which had starred in Nadolski's photographs. Yes, I know it's a bit sad that I can remember and recognise individual rocks and one day I'll tell you about rocks I'm acquainted with on the Common; but that's for another time.

Just one person was on the sandy part of the beach: just one person making great big, ugly boot-marks on the smooth, pristine, tide-washed sand. Not the footsteps I was hoping to follow.

I explored the beach. Nothing stirred my imagination. I slipped and slithered my way back towards the car and then I saw it. An inspirational picture emerged. Not granite dinosaur eggs and not sand. It was Sea Thrift; beautiful pink flowers set against the backdrop of the sea and the setting sun. My kind of picture.

So, the moral of my story is that you cannot borrow someone else's inspiration - you need to find your own. Be amazed, perhaps even be envious but be yourself and make your own pictures. No doubt a lesson in life as well as photography.

There were lots of people at Napfest this year being themselves and providing inspiration for the front cover. Thank you to all those who joined in with the making of the pictures. Enjoy making yours.



Richard Holroyd

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IDYLIC: Below, view of the old farmhouse with lattice windows, in Main Road, Walters Ash, Naphill where 'Monkey' Allen lived. Picture taken in the 1950s



A WORK OF ART: left, Jack Goodchild fitting 'splats' to a chair in his workshop at Naphill in about 1940. Picture: Copyright of Wycombe Museum



PROCESSION: The funeral held for 'Monkey' Allen, on its way to Hughenden parish church. February 1928

'Eccentric in death as in life'

Remembering village character 'Monkey' Allen

THE villages of Walters Ash and Naphill have had their fair share of local characters.

One such was Walter Edward (Monkey) Allen who farmed at Allen's Farm - 28 acres on the corner of Clappins Lane and Main Road.

The attractive farmhouse with lattice windows is shown in the picture, *inset above*.

The son of a vicar of Hazlemere, Monkey liked to claim that he was a 'true English yeoman'. He was in his 80s when he died and was as eccentric in death as in life.

For his funeral he specified that his coffin be born to Hughenden church on his dung cart.

In the photograph, *above*, is the funeral cortege in February 1928. It is led by two men formally attired including

top hats, then 12 members of the Naphill Brass Band, a police constable, the open cart drawn by a single horse, a motor car, and finally the mourners.

All as specified by Monkey Allen! He also directed that the inscription on his gravestone should describe him as 'yeoman, for over 40 years parish constable, special constable during the Great War, and 16 years Guardian of the Poor'.

Another well-known resident, who achieved national fame, was the Windsor chairmaker H E (Jack) Goodchild, *above left*.

Jack and his brother Sid, who was deaf, were the last independent chairmakers in the Chilterns, and one of the few who combined all the tasks involved in making a chair, from bodger to framer.

They produced Windsor chairs of outstanding quality in their workshops. Jack's workshop was of wooden construction situated adjacent to the flint cottage where he and his family lived, at The Dovecot, Hunts Hill, Naphill, *shown below*.

A re-creation of Jack Goodchild's workshop with his tools, bench, splats, part-made chair etc is featured at Wycombe Museum.

It's well worth a visit. Much of this information is taken from the book *Naphill and Walters Ash, Looking back at Village Life*, by Rex Leaver.

Photographs are from the SWOP collection at: www.buckscc.gov.uk/swop



BRICK AND FLINT: The cottage and adjacent workshop, the premises of Jack Goodchild at The Dovecot, Hunts Hill, Naphill, taken around the 1950s



Editorial Comment: My grateful thanks to Mrs Goodman for sharing this old Bucks Free Press article with us and the coach trip photograph on the left. There was also a picture of the Naphill cricket team, carefully named, which sadly, I just haven't managed to fit in.

Whilst I didn't know Naphill quite this far back, I do remember the coach style and the dress style!

Sonia

The Final Word

It is done! The July Naphill and Walter's Ash Napfest Special 2015 has put up a struggle! I am definitely not complaining as we have had so many great articles and photographs to include. My sincere thanks to you all for your contributions.

The magazine is usually finished, proof read and delivered to PK InPrint by the 20th of the month. This month, having sat in front of computer for a week, with a quick proof read by Himself, please forgive the mistakes we may have missed, I am about to run the final print proof checks and send it to Geoff.

Geoff, our wonderful and ever patient printer, has kindly been teaching me more useful techniques for arranging photographs, so I have had an enjoyable time practising these. Well, they say that practice makes perfect and as you will see I certainly need to do a lot more practice! I have used the photographs sent in by our contributors and Richard Holroyd. My thanks to Richard for our front cover, this is a fine example of how photographic montages should be done.

I have included all the articles which specifically appertain to the Napfest and this month's events but have carried others over for next month.

I hope you all enjoy this month's special edition and I look forward to receiving all your contributions on or before 15 July for the August/ September Gazette.

Sonia

PIN UP DIARY

July

1 July	FONC Short Walk
1 July	"Have Your Say" - Bon Ami
20 July	FONC Long Walk
21 July	W.I. Centenary Garden Party
22 July	Network Business Meeting - Bon Ami
30 July	Naphill Neighbours Outing to Benson

August

10 August	Naphill Neighbours Cream Tea Iving Cottage Main Road
17-21 August	Tennis Club Junior Coaching
23 August	Property Marking - Thames Valley Police, Village Hall

Please inform the Editor of items which you would like added to next month's diary on or before the copy date, 15 July.

Small Ads - continued

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Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6 -7.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571 ruth.daly3@btinternet.com
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 700-8.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30-11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Walter's Ash	
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Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	RAF Walter's Ash	Phil Crawford 07500 007644
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	Tuesdays 3.30-7.30pm		
	Wednesdays 3.45-6.15pm		
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Good Companions	First Thursday every month	Hughenden Village Hall	Sheila Veysey 562332
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7-8.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8-9pm	Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
Jujitsu	Monday Evening	RAF Walter's Ash	Holly 07957 727054
Line Dancing	Tuesdays 8-9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
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Mobile Library	Wednesday 10.55-11.30am 11.35 -11.55am 12.05 -12..20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
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	Wednesdays 9.30am Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.00pm		
Junior Coaching - Summer school term-only	Fridays 4.15-7.30pm Saturday 9-9.45am under 7s		
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Editorial

I have to confess that I am not a great fan of Social Media but of course, like so many things, you learn that sites like Twitter and Facebook do have their uses and are a good way of disseminating information and communicating with one another. The Gazette has long had a Twitter account and our Twitter messages appear on our website at www.naphill.org.uk. I did consider setting up a Gazette Facebook page but I have recently joined the Naphill and Walter's Ash Neighbourhood Facebook page which does an excellent job and I feel negates the need for a separate Gazette page. I would recommend this page to other village Facebook users.

One of the conversations on this Facebook page has been about the litter on the Crick. Our local parish councilors have been involved in this discussion and are going to look into the possibility of increasing the number of litter bins on the Crick. This is a great idea but we, the general public, have a responsibility to use these bins and keep what is a great village facility clean and tidy! As a small reminder as to how fortunate we are to have the Crick I am including a montage entitled "On and Around the Crick", in this edition of our magazine.

Peggy Ewart and her team have once again worked very hard to make our villages beautiful for the Best Kept Village Competition and I am very much looking forward to hearing how we have fared. This month Richard Pushman has kindly written a very interesting article on the origins of this competition and some background information as to how it is judged which perhaps will inspire us to take a pride in the glorious environment we are all so lucky to share.

Now, of course, nobody would guess that I am having a lovely time practicing my skills at constructing photographic montages but our beautiful villages in summer really are an opportunity not to be missed and I trust you will agree!

There will not be a Gazette in September, this is a combined month edition so all our contributors will have a month off. Sadly this month we say goodbye to our two regular school contributors, Cordelia Thompson and Daniel Hooper. I thank them both for their great contributions over the year and wish them well as they move on to their new schools. Hopefully we will welcome two new "Young Reporters" when school resumes in September.

I wish you all a very happy summer break and I look forward to editing the October edition of the Gazette.

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Naphill & Walter's Ash Resident's Association

Malcolm Leflaive

It is with great sadness that we learned of the death of Malcolm Leflaive in June. Malcolm was one of the founding fathers of the Residents Association which was formed many years ago in response to the planning application for a golf course to be built in the Hughenden Valley, which he successfully opposed.

Malcolm remained an active member as joint Honorary Secretary ever since and has applied his considerable intellect to many of the planning challenges facing the Naphill and Walters Ash area. He always read documents extremely carefully and was very skilful with words. Many a local government official has squirmed under the arguments put forward in Malcolm's carefully yet forcefully worded letters!

We shall also miss his wit and wisdom at our monthly meetings. Malcolm was a real gentleman and it has been a privilege to know and work with him. He will be greatly missed by us all. Our thoughts are with his wife, Gloria, and with all the Leflaive family.

Crime Prevention & Property Marking

NAWARA are sponsoring a free property marking event in conjunction with Thames Valley Police. Naphill Village Hall Sunday 23rd August 10am – 1pm.

Planning List for 9th July 2015 New Applications - All Pending consideration unless otherwise stated

12 Main Road Naphill HP14 4QB Ref. No: 15/06701/FUL

| Received: Tue 23 Jun 2015 | Validated: Tue 23 Jun 2015
| Householder application for single storey in-fill extension to create new ground floor front window, new brickwork skin to front projection and creation of new front door with alterations to fenestration

11 Main Road Naphill HP14 4QD Ref. No: 15/06666/FUL

| Received: Thu 18 Jun 2015 | Validated: Thu 02 Jul 2015
| Householder application for construction of single storey side/rear extension and insertion of new bay window to front in connection with conversion of garage into living space

15 Moseley Road Naphill HP14 4SQ Ref. No: 15/06625/FUL

| Received: Mon 15 Jun 2015 | Validated: Mon 15 June 2015
Householder application for construction of part single, part two storey side extension

Little Heysham Naphill Common Naphill HP14 4SU Ref. No: 15/06610/FUL

| Received: Fri 12 Jun 2015 | Validated: Wed 17 Jun 2015
| Householder application for construction of single storey side and rear extensions with flat roof and single storey rear extension with pitched roof creating loft space above. Alterations to existing dormer windows to front and new dormer window to rear elevation and associated fenestration alterations & external works. Conversion and fenestration alterations to existing detached garage including new flue, to create workshop/gym/tool & bike store and utility/laundry room with study rooms over, ancillary to main dwelling.

Briar Wood Coombe Lane Naphill HP14 4QX Ref. No: 15/06571/FUL

| Received: Tue 09 Jun 2015 | Validated: Wed 17 Jun 2015
| Householder application for erection of two free standing gazebos in rear garden (retrospective)

134 Main Road Naphill Buckinghamshire HP14 4PZ

Ref. No: 15/06572/FUL | Received: Tue 09 Jun 2015 |

Validated: Fri 12 Jun 2015 | Householder application for construction of single storey rear conservatory extension.

Land At 256 Main Road Naphill Buckinghamshire HP14

4RX Ref. No: 15/06478/FUL | Received: Mon 01 Jun 2015 | Validated: Tue 16 Jun 2015 | Erection of attached two

storey 2-bed dwelling, widening of access & dropped kerb & creation of four parking spaces to front (2 spaces for use of 256 Main Road)

Date of next meeting: Thursday September 10th, Naphill Village Hall

Liz Conran

Editorial Comment: *It was with great sadness that I learnt of Malcolm Leflaives death. Just last month he wrote a delightful article for the Gazette which illustrated so well his wit and literary skills. I send my sincere condolences to Gloria and the family at this very sad time.*

Sonia

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

We started our meeting with a report back from the fete committee. We congratulated them on producing another great weekend of entertainment for the whole community. The weather for once played ball throughout the weekend making the profits better than ever. It was felt that the actual fete on Saturday was not quite so well attended as it had been previously and needed a bit of a refresh for next year with more for families and children to do. The committee were completely overwhelmed by the number of classic cars that appeared on the Sunday, leaving not enough room on the Crick for visitors to park, an issue that will be resolved for next year. All in all a great weekend and our thanks go out to all the committee for all their hard work. New volunteers are needed for next year so please contact Claire at The Wheel to give her your name to add to her list.

The lettings at the Hall are going well but can I remind you that Tanya, the Lettings Secretary, is now working and so if you need to contact her then please do so in the evening, or leave a message on the answerphone and she will get back to you. When she is away she can still pick up messages.

We have finalised the site for the new teen activity area on the Crick. It will be near the play area and we propose to move the gate into the play area round onto the road side making the access into the play area away from the new equipment. There will be a football goal area enclosed in mesh, with targets on either side to help with throwing skills and two basketball hoops at different heights. We are hoping that the equipment will be installed this month so that it will be available for the school holidays. Fingers crossed!

We went through the list of small jobs that need doing. An electrician is due to sort out various extra sockets, including one near the audio cupboard. Clive has kindly donated a portable small screen for use in the small hall, and we are contacting the District Council to see if we can get another bin on the Crick.

We will not meet again until September so have started to plan the dates for our next fundraisers. They are, the FIREWORKS on 7th NOVEMBER, the CHRISTMAS FAYRE on 5th DECEMBER and next year's NAPFEST on 10th to 12th JUNE.

Have a great summer.

Sarah Bacon

Chairman, Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

Friends of Naphill Common

The prolonged dry weather has not done much for our gardens but it has made the common accessible. On hot days there can be few places more pleasant to stroll and enjoy the shade – and we have over a year's grace before the sound of the chainsaw disturbs the calm again. Quite where the next phase of felling will take place is not yet known but we will let the village know as soon as it is decided. It is hoped that we will again get the chance to mark the valuable trees and the vulnerable archaeology before the machines move in.

Within the prolonged sunny spell there were two brief periods of high winds and we have lost two trees as a consequence. One is an elderly, hollow beech, a short distance from the end of Forge Road. It split down the middle and fell across the bridleway. (Tree number 100 on our survey of the important trees.) It will have to be cleared for horses to pass. The other was a middle-aged horse chestnut growing on one of the Clumps. This is particularly sad as the Clumps once had several horse chestnuts, but most have become diseased and have been removed or severely pollarded. The fallen tree was one of the few remaining healthy specimens. As it was on the bank of the Clump the uprooting might have revealed something to tell us more about these enigmatic features, but alas it did not. A discarded clay pipe or a coin would have told us roughly when the banks were made, but close inspection of the damaged section revealed nothing.

It is not clear whether the recent felling is responsible for the collapse of the beech, or that vigorous clearing allowed the wind to hit the horse chestnut on the clumps. Perhaps we have to accept that when changes are made some trees will benefit but others may suffer.

We are already planning a programme of work for the autumn and winter, so if you would like to get involved let us know. At least four of the ponds (Shipwash, Small, Willow and Lady Horse) are in urgent need of attention. We need to drag out many decades' worth of leaf litter and accumulated branches, together with some of the floating sweet-grass, rushes and sedges. This must be done with care to ensure that we don't remove valuable plants and animals. Consequently we will only work on a section of each pond each year. With luck this should increase the amount of open water available for frogs, toads and newts. (We appeal to dog owners not to allow their pets to enter the ponds. Chemicals in their coats, such as those for flea control, can be devastating for pond life.)

We also plan to re-introduce the juniper cuttings taken from our few remaining junipers, so you may see some within wire cages to protect them from deer. The existing four aged specimens will be given a little more space and light in the hope that they can be revived. In addition to our normal working parties we will be supported by the Chiltern Rangers and we are very grateful for their help.

Whether a member or not, you are welcome on our friendly regular walks. Chris Miller leads our short walks (2 to 3 miles) starting at 10:30am from the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month. Ron Collins leads the longer walks of about five miles (2½ to 3 hours) on the third Monday of each month.

and the dates are as follows: 17th Aug, 21st Sept, 19th Oct, 16th Nov and 21st Dec. Meet at the Village Hall at 9.25am for a start at 9:30am sharp. All free and open to members and non-members.

Our annual 'Bat Walk' will be led by Julie Hopton from the local bat group. It will start from the Village Hall at 8:15pm (just before sunset) on Friday 14th August and walk round various areas of the Common where we've found bats in the past. If you're planning to attend, please let me know (01494 564030) and we will try to provide enough bat detectors.

Also, our 'Fungal Foray', held in conjunction with experts from the Bucks Fungus Group to assist with identification of our finds, will be held on 25th October – meet at the Village Hall at 10:00am. Last year 92 different species were identified, of which 21 were new to the Common. This is a great opportunity to learn more about some common (and some not so common) varieties of our native fungi.

Our common is a most valuable and glorious local asset; a Special Conservation Area and a Site of Special Scientific Importance, Grade 1. If you would like help in its protection and enhancement please consider joining The Friends of Naphill Common. Visit our website for more information.

Chris Miller
Chairman

Naphill Horticultural Society

Autumn Show - Saturday 5th September Naphill Village Hall 2pm

As you will have read, we had to cancel our Summer Show due to circumstances beyond our control, but we are working hard to put everything into place so that we can continue with our Autumn Show, which marks the 70th Anniversary of Naphill Shows.

We are hoping that you all have lots of things in the garden which you are proud of, so why not come along and make the Autumn Show a success. This is your big chance to show off what you have been nurturing in your gardens and allotments over the year

There won't be any flower arranging classes this year, but we will still have the general flower and plant classes as usual.

It would be wonderful to see as many of you as possible at this village event, and always, we welcome more exhibitors – so, don't be shy, pick up a schedule and have a go. The show is meant to be fun, and not the fierce competition you may think. There are flower, vegetable, cookery, photography, and handcraft classes, and of course special classes for children (in case you are looking for something to do in the last few days of the holidays!).

As always, full details of all the classes can be found on our website, along with advice on how to stage your exhibits and handy hints for exhibitors.

The schedule in printed form is available from Peter Davis, the Post Office, Bon Ami or myself.

We open to the public at 2pm, when exhibitors and visitors can come and admire the exhibits (and find out what you have won!), and have some refreshments before the ever popular auction of donated exhibits at 4pm.

Looking ahead, our annual Cheese & Wine evening will be on Friday October 30th, but more about that next time.

Naphill Horticultural Society- Is this the end?

Naphill Horticultural Society Shows have been part of village life since 1945, BUT, we don't have anyone to organise them.

We tried advertising last year, but have not been able to get anyone to take on this role. It is not very demanding, and certainly no knowledge of horticulture is needed, just an ability to organise, and there will be lots of help from the committee.

Without the shows, we would be purely a social society, and are not prepared to continue in that vein.

The Committee have therefore had to make the hard decision that, if no-one comes forward very soon, then sadly, our Cheese & Wine Evening in October will mark the closure of the Society.

If you think you could be the person to keep our shows running, please, please speak to either Peter Davis (569303) or Cathryn Carter (563233)

Cathryn Carter
563233.

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Letter from our Methodist Minister

Dear Friends,

Forgive me if you've heard me on about this before. Likewise I'll forgive you, for not remembering whether you've heard me on about this before!

We sometimes use the term "forgiveness" in quite a shallow sense, but for serious situations forgiveness can bring peace and reconciliation, where no amount of argument or pressure or force can succeed. At its best it allows aggrieved parties to forget, and to get on with life.

You may remember a few years ago a campaign to cancel the debts of the poorest nations. The burden of paying the interest on loans from their international creditors, was dragging their economies lower and lower. There was no possible chance of the debts ever being repaid, but some creditors (some very respectable banks and governments) were happy to ignore the sufferings of poor people and keep on receiving their legal dues. The concept of cancelling those debts was utterly unthinkable.

Yet with prolonged campaigning, many of those debts have been cancelled, and though those countries are nowhere near prosperous, they have at least had the chance of a new start. Some will make a better job of it, and probably some will not!

Greece is not quite in the same category, but their debts are astronomical. Maybe by the time you read this it will all be sorted out, but I suspect it will drag on for months and years. The EU and other creditors don't wish to throw away what is rightfully theirs, and would probably say they can't afford to. Yet the reality is that they are going to lose some of it, like it or not. At the moment there is confrontation, bluff and counter-bluff, threat and counter-threat. The outcome looks like being determined by political manoeuvrings, rather than legal rights, and care for our fellow human beings

seems in short supply. Forgiveness looks a million miles away.

The last few years has seen an increase in personal debts in this country, and even in Bucks there have been some desperate situations. We have a food bank (like our One Can in Wycombe) in every town in Britain. Debt advice through such as CAP (Christians Against Poverty) is on an increasing scale. Bankruptcy of individuals and companies has burgeoned. That at least allows a new start for some. I think bankruptcy is a sort of enforced forgiveness, though proper forgiveness has to be voluntary, gracious.

When Jesus taught his prayer including "forgive us our trespasses", his words can be correctly translated as "forgive us our debts" (financial as well as moral debts), but He wisely included "as we forgive our debtors". Forgiveness is two-ended, or as Shakespeare put it "It is twice blessed: it blesseth him who gives and him that takes", though he was speaking of forgiveness's close relative, mercy.

May you and I and others find that mercy and forgiveness in our hearts.

Mike Hill

Minister for Naphill Methodist Church

Bradenham Parish Council

A defibrillator will be installed in the Bradenham phone box in July. This has been funded in part by the parish council and the rest has been organised by Paul Rogerson. To access the defibrillator you will need to call 999 from this phone box, at which point it will be established as to whether there is a need for the defibrillator. If this equipment is deemed to be necessary the caller will be given a code which will allow access to the defibrillator.

During October our parish council is due to appear before the Parliamentary Select Committee for the hearings to discuss the HS2 construction route, which is currently planned as being routed via the A4010.

The parish council has agreed to support the speed limit reduction from 40mph to 30mph along a section of New Road, Walter's Ash, although the length of road to which this will be applied is shorter than the council had originally supported. There are strict Department of Transport guidelines in place which guide the speed limits set on public roads and to where and how these can be applied. The substantial cost of this speed limit review is being born by the R.A.F.

It was decided again to examine the feasibility of a parish council web site.

The next meeting will be on Monday 14 September at 7.00pm at Bradenham Cricket club which the public are welcome to attend.

Deirdre Hansen

Clerk to the Council. clerk@bradenham.org.uk

Letter from our Member of Parliament

Over the next year there are going to be important decisions about local housing and planning policy for our area. I hope that local residents will take part in the consultations run by Wycombe Council as it develops its Local Plan.

The Local Plan will set the strategic framework for development in Wycombe District. It will set out what the housing and employment needs will be for the future and how and where they will be met. The Council can't just pluck numbers out of the air, but has to demonstrate to a Planning Inspector that the Plan is based on hard evidence.

The key point is that once the Local Plan is in place Wycombe Council is in a much stronger position to resist speculative development and have confidence that its decision will be upheld at appeal.

Alongside the District-wide Local Plan there can be Neighbourhood Plans for individual towns and villages that set out how development will be planned there. Discussions have started in Risborough about such a Neighbourhood Plan.

Wycombe District will need more housing. Already, I get many young people telling me that they are in decent jobs but can't get even a first foot on the housing ladder. Not only is the overall population growing, but social change (people living longer and the high rate of divorce and separation) means that we now need more homes for any given level of population than we did a generation ago.

This all means difficult decisions for the Council. They've got to consider not just homes but the need for jobs, infrastructure, and services. Most of the District is Green Belt. If that is sacrosanct, pretty much all the development will be directed to the Risborough, Longwick, and Kimble area. Is that right? What is the best balance between conservation and development?

Already, there is talk of up to 2,500 new homes in Princes Risborough and of housing development on the Molins site at Saunderton. If those ideas come to fruition, there will be a traffic impact on the A4010 and on villages like Walters Ash and Naphill. And that is before we take into account the effect of what seems likely to be significantly larger development in Aylesbury Vale and Milton Keynes.

Please use your opportunity to ensure that Wycombe Council understands the implications of these developments for your community.

David Lidington MP

Hughenden Parish Council Report

HPC FACTOID #3 - We own & maintain 7 bus shelters in the Parish. We've been asked to add two more in Widmer End.

The school term is coming to an end, the summer holidays are just around the corner and soon we will have six weeks of relative calm on the roads and footpaths around our schools as the drop off carnage subsides. As thoughtless & dangerous car/van parking has become somewhat of a theme in recent issues of the Gazette, as well as being the number #3 most disliked issue (only trumped by speeding and dog fouling) by residents in last year's parish survey, we thought it worth mentioning in our column too. We are not alone in this, it is a national issue. Charities such as Guide Dogs for the Blind, Age UK, the RNIB along with the National Association of Local Councils are seeking to re-introduce a blanket ban on pavement parking in this Parliament through a Private Members Bill.

Parking locally is a problem. There are a dozen reasons that this is the case. Various organisations such as ours can identify hotspots especially where there is a heightened safety risk (such as around the shops and garage at Walter's Ash and the Post Office in Naphill), we can try and find a solution (as we have found, it usually requires more than one), then permission has to be sought from those that it will affect to implement it, finally there is the battle to find the money to pay for it. In the meantime, those of us who drive and park/deliver on our roads, by our schools, our shops, our houses, could just THINK for a moment and park courteously both for pedestrians and other road users. The footpath is just that, a path for feet, not tyres. The space around junctions and driveways is to be respected, to allow visibility for vehicles to enter and leave.

Leading on from this, the specific issue of parking in Kilnwood, directly in front of the school took a step closer to being addressed now that RAF High Wycombe and the RAF Police have accepted that they have jurisdiction over the entire length of Kilnwood. In the past term we have been made aware of several close calls involving children, pushchairs and poorly parked or reversing cars. A meeting has recently been held between RAF Police, Thames Valley Police, the School and the Parish Council to thrash out what can be done to help calm the traffic and parking situation along that road and increase the safety for pedestrians especially at drop-off and collection times. We hope to be able to see some improvements taking place during the summer holidays in time for the new school year.

That meeting in part has been aided by RAF High Wycombe's Station Commander Group Captain Lester's stated commitment to work with and be a genuine partner in our local community. He has confirmed his attendance at our next full parish council meeting on September 8th which is open to the public, so do please come along to hear what he has to say.

We are pleased to support the Naphill Village Hall Committee's plans to put a teenage activity area on the Crick. The equipment, comprising a basketball hoop and multi-activity ball wall will hopefully be installed in time for plenty of use in the summer. Whilst the idea and the cost of the equipment and installation is covered by the Village Hall, the Parish Council has agreed to pay for regular safety inspections and maintenance in line with our policy for all other play equipment in the parish.

On the subject of new installations, some of you may have also seen that a new village noticeboard has been erected by the corner of Main Road and Templewood in Walter's Ash. This is part of the council's communication plan, to ensure we can reach residents and keep them informed via a variety of different ways, both new and traditional. Walter's Ash was one of our wards that was identified as not having any village noticeboard and we have sought to address that, it's a bit bare right now but you can help with this. If you have a local event or charity initiative which you wish to promote then please get in contact with us or the Parish Clerk.

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Monkey Allan

In the July Gazette, there was an illustrated article on the late William Allan, the son of the reverend George Allan, vicar of Hazlemere. In his early life, William – known locally as 'monkey Allan', apparently because of his strange appearance – had various jobs, including a spell as a vet in Yorkshire. Yet he was still only in his early 30s when he returned to take over a small homestead in Walter's Ash, where he worked for some 50 years looking after cattle, horses and poultry. These long hours of work included milking, making butter and cheese, collecting eggs, and cooking for himself. Sometimes he would take goods to Wycombe riding on his horse-drawn cart. His dairy was always spotlessly clean.

A bachelor and somewhat of a recluse, he was widely respected and known to be a great admirer of Benjamin Disraeli. Indeed, this was one reason that his will – a copy of which I have, witnessed by Harold Oakshott of Firs Cottage, Walter's Ash – stipulated that he be buried in Hughenden churchyard.

Because of his unusual looks, village girls tended to go in pairs to collect their families' milk. Clearly, William appreciated their visits, naming two of his Guernsey cows Hilda and Maud after two of them.

During his long life he served for some time as a Tory councillor on Hughenden Parish Council and was also on the Wycombe Board of Guardians as well as several committees including the School Attendance Board. In 1901, he was a census enumerator and during WW1 was a Parish Constable.

Following his death in 1928, undertakers J W Saunders found that his detailed will specified a plain oak coffin bearing only his name and date of death. Flowers were prohibited except for a single wreath made using flowers from his garden. Instead of a hearse, he chose to be transported lying on hay in his own dung cart pulled by his mare. Unfortunately, by the time he died, the cart was too ramshackle and his mare had also passed away so a local farmer carried out his wishes with a different horse and cart. The two-mile procession to the church, headed by the Naphill Brass Band (conducted by Mr Parslow) and four 'maiden ladies', was met at the gates by the reverend A L Whitfield. The funeral was very well attended, one of the mourners being Major Coningsby Disraeli.

Any readers wishing to know more about 'monkey Allan', who was a Bucks Yeoman, can find lots of detail in The Wycombe and Marlow Journal, including the funeral music played by the brass band and by the organist F. J. Brinell during the service.

William's farmhouse was later owned by a local Smith family but was sold in 1999 and subsequently pulled down and redeveloped for housing. And talking of housing, there is an Allen Drive off Clappins Lane in Naphill which is said to have been named in his memory, though the spelling is different. William himself maintained that his surname was Allan.

From all I have read, he sounds a fascinating character and someone I would love to have met.

Pam Smith

Editorial Comment: My thanks to Pam and to Alan Lewis for editing this article.

On and Around the Crick in Summer



Naphill Tennis Club

The Crick is a great place for sporting activity. Below are the winners and runners-up celebrating their success in our recent American Tournament and Barbecue. The Friday evening Juniors can be seen enjoying their tennis coaching in the lower photo.



Judy Tench

Naphill Brownies

We finished our term off with a great sports evening on the Crick with our brownie friends from Walters Ash and Hughenden Brownies. The sun shone, the ice-cream van paid a visit and the brownies got a bit wet!! A fun time was had by all.



We still have our two-night brownie stayaway to look forward to at the start of August and then we take a break for a few weeks.

Many thanks to all who help out at brownies whether it be occasionally or on a regular basis. You are fantastic!

We have six new brownies joining us in September. Planning is already under way for a busy autumn term.

Brown Owl (Ruth Daly)
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Naphill Scouts

We finished off the summer term with a whole series of outdoor activities all leading up to our hike camp. First we played the scout equivalent of that well known computer game Plants vs Zombies (well known to some anyway!). In our version the scouts have to use their pioneering skills to build a large catapult which can fire squidgy foam blocks. They are then approached by a slow moving Zombie (scout leader) who they have to hit three times with a squidgy block. You can guess what happens if they miss! Only one scout patrol survived the evening!

These skills were taken into the following week where they had to use their pioneering abilities to build shelters on the crick. The following week we went for a cook out in the woods where all the scouts were taught how to cook a "cowboy parcel". This is a complete meal cooked in a foil parcel which is then unwrapped and used as the bowl to eat the meal. No washing up!

This all led up to our hike camp where early one Saturday morning twelve scouts gathered with everything they needed to take for an overnight camp including their tents. They hiked from Naphill to Radnage, where they put up their tents and cooked their cowboy parcel dinners over an open fire. I am pleased to say that after a few early diversions all made it to Radnage pretty much on schedule.

Finally this term, we are delighted to award Cameron Hathaway-Enwright with his Chief Scouts Gold Award. Cameron has worked really hard over the last three years with us as a scout to achieve the required eight challenge badges. Scout leader Adrian Curtis was able to award him his badge at flag down on the Sunday morning of the hike camp.

Scouts has now finished for the summer and we are actively planning our Autumn program. We are expecting quite a few Cubs to move up to scouts in September and we look forward to welcoming them to the troop.



Mark Powell
Naphillscouts@aol.com.

Naphill and Walter's Ash School Report

Production Perfecting

For the past few weeks, all of Year 6 have been frantically choosing, changing and creating their Leavers Production. Often found in the hall they try to remember lines and perfect harmonies. Everyone in year 6 are upset about leaving this year. "I've been at this school since Reception, I can't believe I'm about to leave!" says Daniel Hooper.

Sporting Success

A few weeks ago, Princes Risborough Upper School hosted a sporting competition for all the Year 6 classes in the nearby primary schools. There were competitions for Table Tennis, Rugby, Hockey, Netball, Football, Tennis and Cricket. Overall we came second by just one point although we won the Netball, Tag Rugby and Football tournaments! Altogether 36 children participated from our school. Jake Dean, who played in the cricket team, says, "It was a great event and, even though we didn't win this year, it was still very enjoyable!". In addition, we came first in the Year 5 and 6 Legacy games at Princes Risborough School which got everyone excited!



Fantastic Fete

On the 4th of July we hosted our summer fete with games, gambles, prizes and surprises! The year 4-6 Dance Club inspired us all with their very appropriate cowboy dance (it being American Independence Day!) The tombola was a success, especially the sweet version! It was a very enjoyable day and Vicky Marlow said, "It was such an amazing day, the dancers were really good!"

Overall, this month has held a lot of excitement; now we all can't wait until the summer holidays!

*Cordella Thompson and Daniel Hooper
Year 6 Editorial Team*

Editorial Comment: *Thank you both for your brilliant reports and photographs throughout this school year. They have been much appreciated by us all! I am sure our readers join me in wishing you lots of success and happiness as you move on to your new schools.*

Misuse of Naphill Common

With recent complaints about dog poo and seed spreading I'm hoping this will get a mention. I'm all for kids having dens and even lighting fires. But I'm very much against litter, especially of the non biodegradable kind. This is a long established den, it's always been a tip, but last month the amount of debris was increased

tenfold. No doubt celebrating the end of their GCSEs, I did walk past and hear music and smell smoke a few weeks ago.

One of the perpetrators hadn't covered his tracks properly when burning his school books.

With the evidence above I do hope some resolution will be reached rather than just a response in the gazette as with the issues of paving over the common on Chapel Lane



Claire Simmonds

Editorial Comment: *It is with sadness that I publish this article and the accompanying photographs. Of course we were all young once and we all enjoyed our various 'leaving school rituals'. but it is so sad when these rituals involve misuse of our common! For legal reasons I am unable to include the charred school book.*

It would be nice to believe that the perpetrators of this mess would return and clean it up!

Sonia

Saint Botolph's Church Services

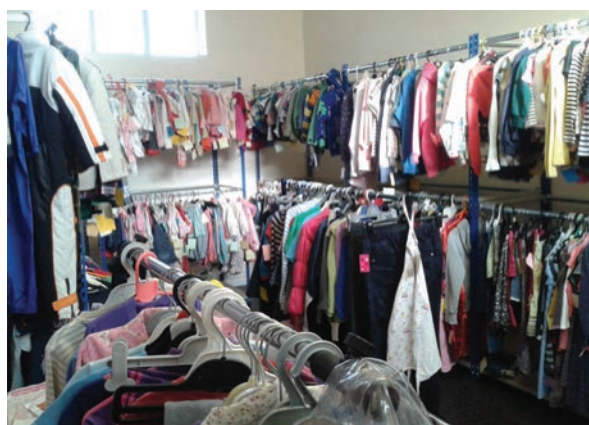
August 2nd	11am	Eucharist	Rev. Jenny Ellis
August 9th	11am	Eucharist	ditto
August 16th	11am	Eucharist	ditto
August 23rd	11am	Matins	To be advised
August 30th	- Benefice service at 9.30am at St. Mary's, Radnage		

Peggy Ewart



The Walter's Ash Thrift Shop

The Walters Ash Thrift Shop is open during term time on Wednesdays from 9am-1pm and also on the first Wednesday of the month from 8-10pm. We sell all sorts of second hand items including clothes, shoes, handbags, jewellery, bric-a-brac, toys and books. All the items we sell are of an excellent quality and we have a huge room dedicated to just childrens clothes and toys. We believe that this facility is unlike any other in this county.



If you have good quality items you want to sell, it is easy to set up an account and you get 80% of whatever your items sell for. This will be explained fully to you when you come in to set up an account. We are a non-profit making organisation and all our remaining proceeds go to help charities and local causes. We have already donated funds to the local school thus enabling them to create a sensory room for children with special needs. We have made made further donations to the local nursery, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, SSAFA and two cancer charities. Some of our unsold items also go to Saunderton Lodge.

All of our team are volunteers so if you would like to help out, even if it is just once a month, please let us know. We have lots of fun in the shop and it really is a lovely place to work.

To find us, take the turning on the right between the Co-op and Naphill and Walters Ash School. We are located on the left before the security barrier. Our last Wednesday of trading before the summer holiday is Wednesday the 22 July but we will re-open on Wednesday 9 September 2015.

Andria Benjamin

Naphill Evening WI

Our Birthday Party on 18 June was really enjoyable, especially the supper provided by members. The weather was kind for our croquet and games evening in Valerie's garden on 2 July when the supper was provided by the committee.

Some of us had a lovely day out to Savill Gardens on 8 July where we wandered round the beautiful gardens before a tasty lunch, after which we had to look at all the lovely plants for sale and have a bit of fun trying on the sunhats in the gift shop. This was followed by a trip from Runnymede to Windsor on the river, complete with afternoon tea. Although it was not as sunny as some of the recent days, it was reasonably warm and the rain held off for us.

We also have a Centenary Garden Party to look forward to on the afternoon of 21 July and the Food Group are having lunch at The Plough in Hyde Heath on 28 July. They will also be meeting for lunch at the King's Hotel in Stokenchurch on 30 September.

Our talk on 16 July will be Digital Magic Memories by D Partington and on 17 September we will hear Dru Ellis talking us through Flower Arranging for the Terrified.

The Craft Group will make a date to meet again in September, but for now I hope everyone has a lovely summer.

Carol Gilliam



photograph courtesy of Paul Goby.



Best Kept Village Results 2015

Naphill came fifth in the De Fraine Cup this year. The results are only just in and the detailed marks are not yet available. The winner was Stewkley with 87 marks, 6 more than the runner up – Pitstone. There were only 3 marks between Pitstone and the next 3 villages, including Naphill. It will be interesting to see the marks for individual features in due course. The Judges' Comments for Naphill are given below :-

Areas around and in front of shops, pubs and bus shelters were litter free and tidy. Both pubs had a welcoming appearance which reflected summer and the enthusiasm of the landlords. The village hall is in good use, according to the information supplied, and has a well marked out car park. The recreation ground is in good condition and very well used. The adjacent children's playground is adequately furnished and maintained.

Vincent's Meadow is attractively laid out with winding paths that continually offer fresh vistas. Pickups Pond is potentially a very attractive feature but is becoming filled by grass and other weeds and could do with a maintenance effort.

To keep Naphill Common in good order is a big undertaking for the village, and it is clear that the Friends of Naphill Common are diligent in its upkeep.

Naphill shows much evidence of communal activity, with results evident in the attractiveness of the common and the generally neat appearance of the built up areas.

It is pleasing to have an independent view of our village, and we can be very proud of residents' efforts.

Peggy Ewart

The Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition 1957 - 2015

The Editor's suggestion that this edition of the Gazette should have a Best Kept Village theme provides me with the opportunity of giving readers some background history regarding the County Competition which first came into existence in 1957 and has been held every year since with one exception in 1974. I have been associated with its organisation since 1970, firstly as a judge and then as chairman and finalist judge of the county competition since 1980.

The competition was inaugurated by the County of Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils, (abbreviated to BALC) around 1957 with the first cups presented to the association by Norman Gurney Esq, President of the Association, and T Leigh DeFraine Esq. These two cups are named after their Donors. It was not until 1969 that the Michaelis Cup came into existence for the larger parishes and town councils. In 1987 it was found difficult to judge and compare towns such as Marlow with large rural parishes like Haddenham. Being Chairman of BALC at the time, I donated the Pushman Cup for rural parishes and the Michaelis Cup was awarded to the Best Kept Town. In 1982 our then sponsors, the Wilkinson Sword Company presented the Association with a magnificent ceremonial sword, now called the Sword of Excellence and awarded to the village or town with the highest number of marks overall. In 1988 we had the possibility of competitors repeatedly winning the

same cup. To avoid this happening, we introduced a "cup winner's cup" donated by Margaret Tindall, a past chairman of BALC, and presented to the winners of the best of the five previous years' cup winners. The Dashwood Trophy, presented by the late Sir Francis Dashwood, is awarded to the best Runner Up who has not won a trophy in the past five years. There is also a shield presented to young people where it can be shown that they have helped in the preparation and tidying of winning villages.

The Competition is now organised into five categories based on population size. The Guernsey Cup for small villages of under 500 persons, for example Bradenham. The Morris Cup, 501 to 1,500. Naphill competes in the DeFraine Cup 1,501 to 3,000. There is a cup for larger parishes such as Stokenchurch with more than 3,000 population, and the Best Town Cup, for example for Marlow. The Competition has five teams of three judges who give freely of their services and without whom the Competition could not be organised.

Most counties throughout the United Kingdom hold similar competitions, some organised by various groups such as The Campaign for Rural England and the Women's Institute but mostly by the County Associations of Local Councils. Here in Buckinghamshire we have ceded from BALC and become a standalone organisation with an excellent Co-ordinator and a small management committee, with a twice yearly meeting of Judges who deal with any policy modifications. It relies on sponsorship from the County Council and its four Districts and a contribution from Milton Keynes Council. The highlight of the year is Presentation Day in September with the Lord Lieutenant or his deputy touring the County in a coach supplied by Motts Coaches as part of their sponsorship donation and Savills Estate agents, who make an award to the village displaying a strong community participation in the competition.

It was in my Gazette Notes back in the early 1980's that I suggested that Naphill enter the competition. This was greeted with some amusement and scepticism at the time because most readers wrongly thought that it was a competition for the 'prettiest' village instead of the 'best kept'. In 1986 Naphill won for the first time and did so again in 1987! It won again in 1990 and then again eight years later in 1998 the last time it received the cup although it has had several Merit Awards since for obtaining 80 plus marks. Perhaps 2016 will be a lucky year. There are many anecdotal stories associated with the competition, too many to recount here but perhaps a subject for a further article.

The Competition now has high standards but remains increasingly popular with over 60 villages participating this year, a record entry. Over a five year cycle about 120 villages and towns provide the pool of entrants from which 50 plus enter. Competition amongst entrants has increased environmental awareness throughout the county and with the help of a volunteer force of local residents I think we can all see the improvements in our own communities. I have made many presentations and talks to villages and organisations over the years and I am always happy to give advice to any potential applicants.

Richard Pushman
Chairman, Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition

Picture This

I was doing a bit of early morning photography the other day. Not quite daybreak stuff, more pre-breakfast. And on the face of it, nothing too exciting; allotments actually.

I was there because I'd been inspired by something our Editor had said. - "Wouldn't it be good to celebrate the beauty of Naphill, Walter's Ash and the surrounding villages."

The challenge for a photographer is that Naphill and Walter's Ash don't have beauty that 'smacks you in the eye'. They don't really have the drama of the highlands of Scotland or the chocolate-boxy Englishness of Bourton-on-the-Water do they. I'd realised that I would need to go looking for beauty.

I have to say that I've never looked closely at what is right on my doorstep. And I mean really closely. Yes I do look out for traffic when I'm crossing Main Road, but that's not quite what I mean when I say looking closely.

I'd noticed that these allotments were all tended in very different ways. The plants, the way the soil was turned and raked: raised beds, mown paths, piles of compost, rhubarb that looked like a herd of elephants might be living in there.

But the more I looked the more I could see. The rhythm of the planting, the pattern of dark circles of wet earth surrounding single columns of brassicas; lavender shimmering with Red Admirals eager for their breakfast; a tree shaded bench seat, brightly coloured watering cans lined up like soldiers filled and ready for action; a menagerie of ceramic creatures revealing the names of the plants they were guarding and a cluster of dwarf kayak oars that seemed to be growing and trying to escape the nets that held them in. A beautiful place.

Once I could see the possibilities, I then reached for the camera and started to make photographs of the pictures I could now see in my mind's-eye. I used different viewpoints, shot into the sunlight to turn Red Admirals' wings into stained glass, settled the bench seat into its own landscape and transformed an old galvanised cold frame into a graphic of silver and green. And those watering cans!

I had discovered beauty in the most unlikely place. Simply by noticing and then looking carefully and closely, I discovered dozens of pictures right on my doorstep.

Do have a long look at Paul Goby's cover picture of the Bee Orchid. It's a rare beast. Doesn't it make you ask how did nature produce such a beautiful piece of art; a forgery of a bee but a unique work of art. How many bees has it lured with promises of friendship - or more perhaps. Notice the soft warm light which contrasts with, and enhances the amazing hue and pattern of the Bee Orchid. Paul looked carefully, saw his picture and then created this beautiful photograph.

I hope that Paul's picture and my agricultural search

for beauty inspire you to get out there and discover the beauty surrounding you. Have a great summer and enjoy your photography.

Richard Holroyd.
www.richardholroydphotography.com

Naphill Neighbours

It is traditional not to have an August club meeting, however, this year we will be getting together on Monday, 10th August in Hazel's garden, Irving Cottage, 89 Main Road, at 2.40-3.30pm for a chat, a cream tea with a bring and buy table and a raffle. If you haven't already put your name down for this event please ring Hazel on 563977 as we need to know numbers.

Our end of Summer speaker on Monday, 14th September, will be Anne Savage and her subject will be CLIVEDEN.

Regretfully we have had to cancel our planned outing to the Gloucester Quays, scheduled for 18th September, due to lack of support.

Wishing all our members a sunny, healthy and enjoyable summer.

Hazel/Vickery
563977

Pony Espresso

We're busy as ever here at Pony Espresso, and we've said goodbye to Liz who's left for pastures new (literally!) which means we're down a staff member. Luckily, I've recruited my sons until September which takes the pressure off till then! Our menu has a few new additions, and our salads are proving more popular than ever. We usually have two soups on each day, and jacket potatoes with fillings are also a favourite.

We are still very busy on the cake front - we can bake cakes for special occasions at quite short notice (which is usually the norm!). And of course, our freshly baked baguettes with a large variety of fillings are very popular. Apologies to the customers who were here one very busy Saturday morning when the fuse on the stove blew and breakfast production ground to a halt temporarily! Everyone was very patient and thanks to the customer who went to find a fuse.

We stock beautifully made greeting cards made by two local ladies, so please remember to pop in and have a look if you need one.

My idea of stocking my own honey (well, my bee's own honey) becomes even more unrealistic than ever, as my colony has taken on African Killer Bee tendencies. I console myself with the thought that I am doing my bit for the bee population, and they live happily and viciously out of range of any unsuspecting passers-by.

Looking forward to seeing everyone for a coffee, tea, a read of the papers, use of the free Wi-fi and a chat over the holidays!

Blaine

The Wheel

I personally would like to thank everyone for an amazing birthday. I know it seems a very long time ago, but it will always be one to remember for me. I know for some of you it was one to be reminded of on the following day! The BBQ at 5am was definitely missed by me, but a few of you managed to stay up till 7am. It was great to have my family and friends new and old here to celebrate with me. I would like to thank you all for being so generous and I was a very spoilt girl which I truly appreciate. Here's to Marks 50th!

As I write this we finally seem to be having the heat wave that was promised, but we will all have to wait and see how long it lasts. I know that at the moment the sun is bringing you all out to enjoy the gardens and a well deserved beer. Over the month of August we don't plan too much, as so many people from the villages are taking a well deserved holiday. On that note can I thank Chloe and the team for covering during our break to the Isle of Man.

The key event in September is of course the Rugby World Cup. Personally I cannot wait! This brilliant event starts on the 18th September and the first game is England vs Fiji at 8pm. We will obviously be showing as many of the games as possible over the two months. We are in the process of planning some offers on both food and drink to coincide with the main games, so keep an eye on our blackboards. We will be doing Box Meals at £4.50 during the England games and possibly also for the other busier matches. To give you a little appetizer we will include a Curry and Rice, Sausage and Chips and Fish and Chips.

A couple of other dates to note so you can book early;

- Curry Night Thursday 24th September
- Curry Night Thursday 14th October

As many of you will have noticed we have had a few staff changes, although by the time you read this they will probably be changing again. Some of our group are off to university, some are back from travelling and some going off to pastures new. We wish them all well!

The Wheel team wishes everyone a great summer and hope you all enjoy as much of it as you can. We look forward to seeing you all soon!

Thanks
Claire and Mark

The Black Lion

It's a rather damp and dismal Monday morning as we compose our article folks, but as the schools break next week surely the forecast is for wall to wall sunshine until September. Well that's our forecast and wouldn't it be great for us all! Long, hot sunny days and balmy summer evenings to enjoy the pleasures we have to offer here at the Black Lion for

you all. Our summer menu is keeping our kitchen very busy and they are planning a few little extras to go along with our favourites. We are introducing some different desserts and of course, your meal can be washed down with a selection of our fine wines. We've added some new cider flavours and as always we keep rotating our guest ales so there are always at least 4 lagers and 2 ciders on draught. There's lots to choose from!!

Our garden is looking very nice with the grass and hedges all cut and hanging baskets and flowers in full bloom. Our big attractive garden is keeping us busy with lots of different parties going on and our locals are as thirsty and hungry as ever.

As always, thank you to you all for your support and custom and we hope you have an enjoyable summer.

Jack and the team




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of Naphill
Common**

BAT WALK

14 August 8.15pm
Meet at Naphill Village Hall

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Bon Ami

Cream teas and afternoon teas are definitely in vogue at Bon Ami now. The sunshine, Wimbledon and The Ashes are making us feel terribly British. We have fresh homemade scones everyday and a new clotted cream supplier to hopefully make your treat really special.

Our chocolate parties are on hold during the warmer weather and holiday season; they will resume in the autumn. Our next appropriately themed parties, "Best of British", are due to take place on Monday 14th & Thursday 17th September. Please do call in if you would like to book a place or a group of friends may fancy celebrating a special occasion together.

We are once again well stocked with Beechdean ice creams and iced coffees for your enjoyment during the warmer weather.

Lastly I would like to say thank you again to Judy Whitehouse for our splendid hanging baskets. They are getting better everyday, I hope everyone enjoys the Summer and we look forward to welcoming you to Bon Ami

Regards to everyone,
Ruth & Amanda.

Alpha at St Michael's Church Hughenden - 2015

Starts Wednesday 30th September 2015

Alpha is for anyone who wants to question whether Christianity is real or a delusion.. You may be one of those who thinks there must be something in it or perhaps question why there are so many who believe whilst you cannot understand why. Alternatively, you may have a Christian belief but want to learn more.

This exciting Alpha Course will link with live sessions from Holy Trinity Church in Brompton London for about 30 minutes followed by some stimulating and thought provoking discussions with local leaders where no questions are ruled out. There will be a full range of speakers including Nicky Gumball who is well known as the founder of Alpha.

The questions that deserve an answer usually include:

Where am I going in my life? Is there more to life than?

Did Jesus really die for us? Is Christianity relevant in the 21st Century?

Why is there so much suffering in the world?

This is going to be an exciting and challenging course of about 11 sessions. No charges are made for it. If you feel that you want to know more but are not sure about the course itself please feel free to come along for one or two sessions and then make up your mind. If you have to miss a session or so due to other commitments don't worry, we are used to this and can help you catch up. The course benefits by having representatives of all age groups from Young People to Senior Citizens

Session 1 on the 30th September starts at 7.00pm with a cooked supper and a chance to get to know other course members. Subsequent sessions start at

7.15pm each Wednesday. All sessions will finish by 9.45pm.

So this is the time to come and ask those questions. Some may find a real involvement with Christianity for the first time, others may find this leads to real growth in their faith. But no matter what else, we do see great friendships made, which help people in their daily lives to answer for themselves more clearly – what is the meaning of life for me?

Want to get involved? if so please call Frank or Diane now on 07850 150462 for further details or to register for the course.

Lacey Green Singers

Alan Lewis, until this year ad manager for the Gazette, writes to say that, as neither Naphill nor Walter's Ash has a regular choir at the moment, he would like to draw attention to the Lacey Green Singers who have been going for more than 40 years. Currently, they are looking to swell their ranks so if any readers are interested, please make a diary note that the next rehearsal – after a well-earned summer break – will be on Thursday 3 September. There is no audition and you don't have to be able to read music. What's more, with all rehearsals held in St John's School on Thursday evenings at 7.45pm, getting there is straightforward and there is always plenty of off-road parking to the side and rear of the building.

Their next event is a remembrance-themed concert on Saturday 7 November, which will feature extracts from the Classic FM favourite "The Armed Man", and include the popular "Wherever You Are" as sung by Gareth Malone's military wives' choir, along with other material yet to be decided. To finish the year, the Christmas concert will be on Sunday 6 December.

Alan Lewis
564512

Napfest 2015 Follow Up

We are pleased to report that the figures for the 2nd NapFest weekend are showing a profit in the region of £7k. At present we still have a few items outstanding but nothing of high value that will change the total drastically. The amount has increased from the first years' total, so we are all happy that our hard work, and the amazing amount of support from the local community, has raised an incredible amount of money for the Village Hall.

NapFest 2016 will be just as good, or should I say 'even better' and our committee meetings begin again in September to start planning. We've had our wash up meeting for this years' event, noted down a few changes for improvements, and listed some items to bring to the weekend, and will begin work on these from our first meeting. We are always grateful for any feedback, so if you have any suggestions our contact email is nwafete@hotmail.co.uk.

As always, volunteers are essential to big community events, and we will need you, so if you can spare the time please contact us. We already have an item on our first meetings' agenda to have a look at fete day, to hopefully give it a boost, so we'll need contacts and help with manning stalls.

Once again, thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of NapFest 2015, whether as a sponsor, volunteer or supporter, you all helped make it a fantastic event. We are looking forward to NapFest 2016, see you there!

Best Regards
The Napfest Committee

Classics on the Crick Follow up

A few weeks have gone by and the dust is starting to settle! I think we were all taken by surprise with the success of Classics on the Crick. In my last article I mentioned how much we had raised, I didn't say where it was going. We have donated a total of £4500 this year, £3000 to the Thames Valley Air Ambulance and £1500 to SKIDZ. This is a Wycombe based charity and one that is very much in tune with Classics on the Crick, please Google them and see what they do. It was a great pleasure to have them along displaying and of course Paddy Hopkirk (one of their patrons) helping out with prize giving!

Next year promises to be even bigger and better so we are having to think seriously about how we can accommodate more vehicles and people without causing the delays on Main Road that we experienced this year. The idea we are pursuing at the moment is to move the public car parking away from the Crick giving us more space for the classics and disabled parking. That means we will need somewhere for the public to park near enough to the Crick to make it an easy walk.... any ideas any one???

We would also again like to thank all the volunteers who turned up to help this year. We were of course completely overwhelmed and didn't have any where like the number we needed so not only are we thanking the volunteers we had, we are also apologising for the long stints they did.

Next year will be different, we have compiled a rota of who is needed where and for how long so please, if you can spare a couple of hours directing classic cars to their appropriate spaces, manning the public car park or taking money from people at one of the gates then drop us an email with your name and number, classicsonthecrick@gmail.com or ring me, Ian Bond, 07710 869775. You will not be disappointed, this is a great day and enjoyed by everyone! Realistically, we need about 50 people, each doing one 2 hour stint, surely in a village this size, that isn't too much to ask?

Ian Bond

New Kumon study centre opens in Princes Risborough

The new Kumon Princes Risborough Study Centre has opened, and will offer Kumon's unique maths and English programmes to children of all ages and abilities.

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For more information, contact Ruth on 01844 344 211 or email princesrisborough@kumoncentre.co.uk.

A Message from Thailand

Good morning, It was with interest that I read "The Final Word" by Sonia in the May edition of the Gazette:

"Adam Turner. Adam lives in the northern Highlands of Scotland and was recently visiting his parents here in Naphill. He has certainly put paid to my theory that nobody who resides beyond our village boundaries is interested in reading the Gazette."

Well Adam is my brother, and like him I left the village many years ago. I now live in Thailand, but like Adam, I read the Gazette every month, eagerly awaiting the new edition to be posted online. Our parents must have instilled in us a bond with the village and its residents. On that note, I would like to send my sympathy at the great loss of Jean Lawrence, I have fond memories of her both at Sunday school and outside.

Regards
(Lloyd), James Turner

The Final Word: *My thanks to all of our contributors for their articles and photographs which have gone to make this edition of the Gazette. The photographs included in the articles are courtesy of the contributors. The montage photographs are from Peter Williams, Richard Holroyd, Himself and the Scouts. My thanks to them for allowing me to 'play' with their pictures!*

My thanks to too the Napfest Committee and to Ian Bond for their 'roundup' reports. They will be back after Christmas with details of NEXT years Napfest and Classics on the Crick so something to look forward to!

The message above from James, has certainly made me think! Is Thailand the furthest point our magazine reaches? If you read the Gazette in 'some far flung corner of the world', please do let me know!

My focus this month has been on our The Best Kept Village. Another good result and congratulations to everybody who worked so hard to achieve this!

Our villages of course include the Crick and the Common. These truly are two of our biggest amenities and it is with sadness that I have reported on the misuse of these shared public areas. Please, let's all be vigilant and play our part in preserving these great village features.

Himself, alias my husband Paul, will be eagerly

awaiting this copy of the Gazette as it is his Bee Orchid photograph which adorns our front cover. For Paul, getting his photograph endorsed by Richard and on our cover is a real achievement! My thanks to them both for this month's cover. If you have a special photograph which you think would make a good cover, please contact Richard.

We will be back with the October edition of the Gazette so contributions to me on or before 15 September please.

Sonia

PIN UP DIARY

August

5 August	FONC Short Walk
10 August	Naphill Neighbours Cream Tea 2pm - Irving Cottage, Main Road
14 August	Bat Walk 8.15pm Naphill Village Hall
20 August	FONC Long Walk
26 August	Network Business Meeting, Bon Ami
31 August	Hazlemere Fete - for Air Ambulance

September

2 Sept.	FONC Short Walk
5 Sept.	Naphill Horticultural Society Autumn Show
8 Sept.	Open Parish Council Meeting 8-10 pm venue to be announced
17 Sept.	FONC Long Walk
23 Sept.	Network Business Meeting, Bon Ami
24 Sept.	Curry Night - The Wheel

October

5 October	Naphill Horticultural Society - Cheese and Wine
7 October	FONC Short Walk
10 October	Curry Night - The Wheel
22 October	FONC Long Walk

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Adult Ballet	Wednesdays 6.15-7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Pam Sheen 716384
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30-6.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
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Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 700-8.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30-11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Walter's Ash	
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Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	RAF Walter's Ash	Phil Crawford 07500 007644
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	Wednesdays 9.30am		
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Editorial

Unfortunately thus was not quite the blazing Summer I had anticipated but none the less I hope you all enjoyed the Summer holidays and events. I am delighted to be back with you compiling the October edition of the Naphill and Walter's Ash Gazette and looking forward to all of the great Autumn and Winter events which our contributors are telling us about.

In the last edition I published an email and some photographs about some rubbish being left on the Common. No sooner had the Gazette been delivered than I received an email confirming the good news that the group of youths responsible for this had returned and tidied this up. There was some correspondence between the various parties concerned and I was reminded of a line in a song from an old musical;

"Why can't they be like we were, perfect in every way?"

But were we all quite so perfect as we like to think? I used to love talking to my good friend Jean Lawrence Mann. She had so many lovely tales about her lifetime in Naphill and these stories were always full of the fun and the mischief the young Lawrences got up to on and around our Common. So just how many generations of children have built their camps and played there? Long may this facility survive and long may future generations enjoy playing there! How old are the trees that grace this area and what tales could they tell us if they could talk?

My first port of call was to Peter Davis who I know is very much involved in protecting and maintaining the Common. He kindly sent me some photographs of the "Umbrella tree", including a copy of a photograph which is over 100 years old. Along with these were photographs of the "Carving tree" which I am delighted to share with you. I am very grateful to Peter for the photographs and the information he has so kindly given me.

I always discuss the forthcoming Gazette with my valiant Gussetteers! The carving tree certainly fired our imaginations! None more so than my Assistant Editor, Richard Holroyd who has the most amazing sense of humour plus a head full of creative ideas! I have just read his Picture This article and think his latest and greatest idea is brilliant! Please support this! I can hardly wait to print your stories and accompanying pictures.

Now I am not suggesting that carving messages on our trees is good idea, please do not reach for your penknife! However, this is our local history and brilliantly illustrates my point that whilst we grow old and we may forget our own mischief, let's not grudge our youngsters their fun. Perhaps, when necessary, gently remind them, as we were reminded, to tidy up, to take a pride in and care for our environment and encourage them to play, use, love and enjoy our Common.

Sonia Goby

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Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

We started our meeting by welcoming a new member, Paul Riglar, a governor from Naphill and Walters Ash School. He survived the meeting without falling asleep and is a welcome addition to our numbers.

The ball wall arrived in time for the summer holidays and has been appreciated and is being well used by the youth of the village (and their dads). We will see how it goes, but feel we may need to either put some Astroturf in front of the goal area to stop it becoming too muddy, or maybe put some hexagonal mats into the ground which allow the grass to grow through. We are considering moving the existing gate into the play area as currently the children can go right across the line of fire of the ball wall as they head towards the gate. If this proposal went ahead with the entrance to the play area being located on the side nearest the road, it would hopefully stop the risk of the little ones being hit by the footballs.

By the time you get to read this we will probably have had the first of our Community Film Nights, showing the film "Chef", but you should still be in time for the second film on the 10 October when we are showing "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty". There are posters around the village giving details. This is a community venture by Wycombe District Council who are providing the films free of charge and just asking for a voluntary donation. We do need to have an idea of numbers so we can put out the right number of chairs so do make sure you order your free tickets via the website or by phoning Tanya on 563053. If you go on to the website www.fisheyefilmsfest.uk/ you can see other films that are being screened in neighbouring villages. A fantastic chance to see some films you may have missed or would be happy to see again, and a free night out.

Our next fundraiser, the fireworks, is on 7 November and plans are well in hand. The major difference this year is that there will be no facility for getting rid of your garden rubbish on the bonfire. The bonfire has taken days to burn out in the past and so the decision has been made that it will be made up solely of pallets which burn quickly. Sorry to those of you who plan their gardening around this event.

The Christmas Fayre is booked for the 5 December. I don't like to think of Christmas when we are still waiting for some summer weather! However please make sure these dates are in your diary.

Sarah Bacon,

Chairman Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

Friends of Naphill Common

Good news! A goshawk has been seen on the Common, flying along the grassy area next to Bradenham Woods. Goshawks are predominately grey, like large sparrowhawks but much less common; rare according to some books. Females are larger than males. They generally fly at treetop level hunting birds to the size of pigeons and even pheasants and mammals as large as hares, or you may see them soaring high or perched with their body erect. They have traditionally been persecuted by gamekeepers and became extinct in this country in the 19th Century, but they have slowly recolonised parts of the country

and are now a protected species. Welcome to Naphill!

Less welcome visitors have been two Ring-necked Parakeets. These are spectacular, large (magpie-sized) green birds – see photo taken in my garden – unlikely to be mistaken for anything else, adult males have a rose coloured ring round their necks. They are an introduced species (some believe they escaped after filming of *The African Queen* at Isleworth studios) that are rapidly extending their range from West London up the Thames and their loud screeching calls are often heard along the river at Marlow. They roost in huge numbers in the Twickenham area, where they create a great deal of noise and mess, so we must hope they do not find Naphill too congenial!



We have a lot of work to do this autumn. We want to return some of the juniper cuttings to the Common. We will position them on the sunny side of newly cleared areas and protect them from the deer with netting.

We also want to work on some of the ponds once the newts have left them. This will start on 1st October when the Chiltern Rangers will work on Shipwash and possibly Small Pond, helped by the Brownies and volunteers from FONC. Later we will work on Daisy, Lady Horse and Willow ponds. We will undertake a cautious programme, clearing only a part of the weed and iris clumps to give a little more open water. Meanwhile the Parish Council are going to work around Pickup's Pond (which is just outside the area of the Common), again with help from FONC.

Our usual working parties will continue to clear paths, cut back holly and generally clear up the Common. They will meet on 4th & 11th Oct., 1st & 15th Nov., 6th & 20th Dec, and then into the New Year. Please join in if you can: it really is an enjoyable and worthwhile couple of hours. (You don't have to be a member of FONC.) The details, including where to meet, are on our website, or contact Peter Davis who leads the working parties.

It seems that we have eliminated the Himalayan Balsam after several years of pulling it up, but if you spot any let us know. The more serious pest, Japanese Knotweed is very much reduced but still survives, so there is more work to do.

Chris Miller will lead short walks (2-3 miles) starting at 10.30am from the Village hall on the first wednesday of each month (7th Oct., 4th Nov., 2nd Dec.). Ron Collins will lead the longer walks (about 5 miles) on the third monday of each month (19th Oct, 16th Nov and 21st Dec.) Meet at the Village Hall at 9.25am for a start at 9:30am sharp. Please join in – they are free and you don't have to be a member.

Our annual 'Fungal Foray', held in conjunction with experts from the Bucks Fungus Group to assist with identification of our finds, will be held on 25th October also meet at the Village Hall at 10:00am. All are welcome, including children. Last year 92 different

species were identified, of which 21 were new to the Common. This is a great opportunity to learn more about some common (and some not so common) species of our native fungi. Contact Peter Davis for more information.

Chris Miller
Chairman



Picture This

Over the past couple of years, I've been working on a couple of Naphill Common photography projects. Nothing too serious and they may never be seen by anyone other than my four-legged photographic assistant, Furball and me.

And it was one of these projects that led to a previously sane member of the community finding me climbing a very large tree. I hope that she and her 2 dogs are recovering from the surprise. I am of course used to surprising people. I mean, I think that you'd be surprised if you came across someone in the woods shrouded under a black cape unless you'd seen the Batman call-sign projected onto the clouds. I guess that I should consider putting warning notices up - photographer ahead please keep your dog under control - in the way that the Forest School does.

So, you might be wondering, why was a photographer risking life and limb climbing a tree? Well, it was initial hunting. Yes initials, carved into the bark of the tree. They intrigue me. They tell stories. And as

photography is about telling stories, arboreal initials and photography seem like a good fit. Sadly for me, these initials were well out of reach if you wanted to keep your feet firmly on the ground.

I bounced the idea of my Arboreal Initials Project off a friend. Unlike me who is an incomer of only 25 years standing, she was born in the village and I thought that she might know the carvers. I started by asking:

"Have you ever carved your initials on a tree on The Common?"

"Yes" she replied, "I carved JE 4 MB"

"MB?"

"Mark Bolan"

"Mmmmh, does he still live in the village?" I asked. That was a bit of a faux pas on my part.

"Mark Bolan of T-Rex! And next Tuesday, it will be 37 years since he died. I've still got all his LPs"

Now, I ask you, is that not a story???? Well, at least the outline for a story?

"Why do you ask?" She said

I went on to say that I thought it would be fascinating to make photographs of initial carvers against their initials - the people as they are today pictured at the side of their carvings. Or in the case of a deceased pop star from the 70's, standing with an LP or maybe dressed in flared jeans.

"What a brilliant idea"

"Well, some carvings are expressions of adoration; I wouldn't want to inadvertently be the cause of any domestic disruption"

"It would be fine. I think that people would enjoy it"

So, if you carved your initials on a tree and you know where they are, and want to get involved in the Arboreal Initials Project, just email me. Enjoy your photography.

Richard Holroyd

Richard@richardholroydphotography.com

A Letter from Our Member of Parliament

I enjoyed visiting Naphill village fete earlier this summer. For once, the weather was kind and the strawberries and cream on sale filled a gap very nicely.

This year we have also marked the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. As I grow older and my sons reach the age of those young men who flew Spitfires and Hurricanes in 1940, I find myself becoming ever more acutely aware of the mixture of heroism and poignancy in the history of 'The Few'.

During the summer, I visited Lincoln. The Roll of Honour in the RAF chapel in Lincoln cathedral records the names of no fewer than 25,611 pilots and crew who gave their lives in defence of the freedom of Britain and the liberation of Europe. They included not just our own young men, but those from the then British Empire and from occupied countries in Europe. At the peak of the Battle of Britain, free Polish forces accounted for no less than 13% of our front-line pilots and Polish and Czechoslovak airmen fought bravely alongside our fliers throughout the war.

I was reminded of that in the most unexpected place – a

remote area of the Yorkshire Dales where we stayed on holiday. On the top of Buckden Pike, above Wharfedale, we found a simple stone memorial to five young Polish airmen killed when their bomber crashed during a blizzard in 1942. We owe them all so much.

Now back at work, I have restarted my programme of constituency surgeries. Any constituent can book an appointment by calling 01296 482102. If you do come to see me, please do try to prepare what you want to say and bring with you any documents that are important to the case. I almost always have every appointment fully booked and if everyone comes prepared, it means that others next in line don't have to wait so long.

Of course it's often quicker and easier to get action on a case by just emailing me or sending a letter to my parliamentary office. You can contact me on david.lidington.mp@parliament.uk. Letters should be posted to me at House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. My staff and I will take the case up with whichever happens to be the relevant Government Department, agency or local council but we don't otherwise publicise it unless the constituent asks me to do so.

David Lidington

Naphill Evening WI

We had visitors from Napton, our twinned institute, on 10 September, when an interesting day was planned for them. A delicious lunch at the Harrow was followed by a visit to the Home of Rest for Horses, after which everyone was invited to Jenny's for afternoon tea. As it was such a beautiful day, Jenny had set tables out in her lovely garden. There were seven visitors from Napton, plus quite a few of our own members and everyone had a most enjoyable day.

A coffee afternoon at Bon Ami on 16 September was one of the final celebrations of 100 years of WI.

The Craft Group had their first meeting after their summer break and spent it discussing things that they might do! A trip to a Craft Fayre in Birmingham for inspiration is one thought. The Food Group, however, have been a bit more active, with lunch at the King's Hotel in Stokenchurch on 30 September and an evening meal with friends proposed for Friday, 23 October at the Red Lion in Great Kingshill.

'Flower Arranging for the Terrified' is the title of our talk on 17 September, which hopefully will encourage us all to have a go.

Coming up soon will be our Annual Meeting on 15 October, when members will be asked to elect a new committee and perhaps take courage and offer their services. Also in October, on the 22nd, is our Autumn Group Meeting when the hosts will be Flackwell Heath Evening WI and the talk will be on 'Women' by Mary Forlenza.

Lots to look forward to.

Carol Gilliam.

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Sally 562281

Best Kept Village Competition Report

In the August/September Gazette it was possible to provide the judges' comments following their visit on 23rd June. As reported then, Naphill came fifth in the Defra Fraine Cup with only 3 marks between the runner up (Pitstone) and the next three villages, including Naphill. The detailed marks for our village, in each category, are given below.

Principal features

1A Cemetery/graveyard	7/10
(We do not have a cemetery so the marks for the other principal features are averaged out. The low mark for 1F had an impact on this)	
1B Common, green, playing field	8/10
1C Children's play area	4/5
1D Nature conservation areas (Naphill Common)	5/5
1E Village hall, community centre, church hall	8/10
1F General environmental features	11/15
(hedges, verges, ditches, pond, stream, pump)	

Other features

2A Areas around shops	3/5
2B Areas around pubs	4/5
2C Bus shelters	4/5
2D Notice boards	4/5
2E War Memorial	4/5
2F Community activity/organisations	8/10
2G Overall appearance (lack of litter, litter bins, etc)	8/10

In making their judgements, judges are considering whether the feature they are looking at is Excellent and thus 5/5 or 10/10, Good 4/5 or 8/10, Average 3/5 or 6/10, or below.

The only Naphill feature given top marks (excellent) was the Common. Nearly every other feature was graded as Good. We can be very proud of this. The only feature judged as Average was the areas around shops; more pride in appearance could be taken here (eg weeds removed and litter cleared up). Villages that are really keen to win sweep shop frontages daily! This is difficult where the shop is by a bin or a bus stop but it could be done.

The garden around the War Memorial would probably have been considered excellent but the Memorial stone is in need of some tender loving care; steam clean perhaps?

The principal problems we have (1F) are the irregularity of verge and hedge cutting, weeds in the kerb stones, and the condition of the pond in Downley Road. These shortcomings are out of the control of the village itself, being dealt with by BCC, WDC, or HPC. The kerbstones are looking neater since the footpaths were repaired but where this has not been done (eg. along the Hughenden Valley road) the weeds proliferate to knee high! Some residents remove weeds on footpaths near their homes but we have a high age profile here and not everyone is fit enough to do this.

This year the De Fraine Cup was won by Stewkley, a result that is well deserved. The villages that do best in the Best Kept Village Competition are those which have their own parish council. This is because some financial assistance can be provided, and also because many parished villages now organize their own grass cutting, etc. Hughenden Parish is as large

as a small town and contains nine villages in all; these villages are at a disadvantage in the competition as the 'playing field is not level'! HPC has yet to agree to take on grass cutting, etc. but it is certainly big enough.

Naphill has entered in each of the last three years and was commended in two of them. The marking system changed this year and it is now more difficult to achieve the 80 marks required. Our total was 78/100 in 2015. The Village Hall Council will consider whether to enter in 2016 sometime in the spring. Whatever it decides, the appearance of the village has been enhanced by people's individual efforts and by such things as colourful baskets, a new noticeboard, a pictorial map, repainted car park and railings, refurbished Hall sign, etc. and by extra litter picking efforts by a few.

Peggy Ewart

Chairman of Best kept Village Committee

Remembrance Day Service 8th November 2015

Remembrance Sunday, which falls on 8 November 2015, is a day for the nation to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. It is the day that Naphill Village Hall holds its Annual Remembrance Day Service in memory of those men and women who have given their lives in the cause of freedom, especially those from our own villages. We should also remember those service men and women who continue to place their lives at risk, many from RAF High Wycombe and Air Command here at Walters Ash.

Our Service will commence at 2.45 PM in the Village Hall followed by wreath laying at the Memorial Stone. All are invited.



If further information is required please contact
Richard Pushman
at 01494 564152

Brian Murgatroyd

We were saddened to learn of the death of Brian Murgatroyd.

Brian had been one of the deliverers of the Naphill Gazette, for many years, and had always greeted us with a smile when we dropped copies off to him. We will miss him, as will many others who knew him, and our sincere condolences go to his wife Dot.

Michael & Pauline Pool

Editorial Comment: *My sincere condolences to the Murgatroyd family. Brian was a long serving, loyal member of both the Orpheus Male Voice Choir and the local churches. He was always so willing to help everybody. He will be greatly missed.*

Sonia



Naphill & Walters Ash Out of School Club
c/o Naphill & Walters Ash Out of School
Kilnwood
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Buckinghamshire
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Tel: 01494 563874

Our successful Out of School Club
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Job Title: Senior member of staff and
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of out of school play care for children
aged 4 to 11 in a safe and stimulating
environment.

Qualifications: Not necessary but NVQ level 2 or 3
in Childcare or Play work would be an advantage.

Please contact the OOSC Manager on 01494 563874.
mob. 07817965148

walk a considerable distance. Bus services are infrequent.

The developer also owns the site adjoining the aforementioned brownfield site. Were this site and some additional land be developed for housing then the total development could accommodate approaching 800 houses. This would be a massive development, in effect creating a new village - which could justify the inclusion of a primary school and other amenities (e.g. a shop). In addition the development would extend towards Saunderton Railway Station and with suitable access could increase the usage of the station. Access would still be via Haw Lane but the traffic would be far greater and long queues could be expected to get to the site with traffic possibly backing up onto the A4010.

Not least in all these consultations is consideration of the effect on the countryside and the local villages. The site lies within the AONB and the Green Belt. The roads that serve it are already busy and likely to get busier with the additional developments scheduled for Princes Risborough and the nearby West's Yard (44 houses, access from Slough Lane).

Comments regarding this development can be sent to the Clerk of Bradenham Parish Council (clerk@bradenham.org.uk) or directly to the planning office at Wycombe District Council (planning@wycombe.gov.uk).

Teif Jones

Chairman Bradenham Parish Council

Saunderton Development

Wycombe District Council are assessing the feasibility of building new homes in Saunderton – on the former Molins industrial site and surroundings. No plans have yet been approved. WDC are proposing to write an area action plan (AAP) and are consulting with local Parish Councils and residents.

Having examined over the past several years the possibility of a commercial tenant for the site - none was found. A planning application for 212 houses has been submitted to WDC for approval (15/05250/OUTEA). The houses would be built on the former Molins factory premises – a “brownfield” site. Access to the site would be from Haw Lane. There is a shortage of housing in our area, new houses are needed and the development of a brownfield site is favoured by the Government. Nevertheless this site is problematic. Constituted as it presently is the development is not sustainable because it is remote from other urban areas and their associated facilities - meaning many more car journeys. Access at Haw Lane is a problem because the lane is narrow, lacks a pavement for pedestrians, is crossed by a narrow bridge and is prone to flooding close to the major road (the A4010).

The development as proposed is too small to justify the inclusion of amenities such as a school, community centre, shop etc. meaning that residents would need to drive to any of these amenities or

RAF High Wycombe

Cycling for JET

An RAF High Wycombe Officer has completed a gruelling 12-hour cycle challenge to raise funds for the Jon Egging Trust.

Flight Lieutenant Martin Smith, based at RAF High Wycombe, cycled solidly for 12 hours, covering a distance of 128 miles on an exercise bike. The cycle challenge was carried out to help raise funds for the Jon Egging Trust, the charity inspired by former Red Arrow Jon Egging.

As daylight broke RAF High Wycombe's Station Commander, Group Captain Phil Lester, blew the whistle at 5am to start the challenge, and Martin pushed on until 5pm, only stopping for short but urgent breaks.

Air Cadets from Jon Egging's former Cadet Squadron were on hand to help with the event. Cadet Flight Sergeant Katie Patterson said “It is a great cause and a fantastic effort. We're really proud to be able to lend a hand whilst on our summer camp”.

Martin commented “It was a gruelling challenge, particularly toward the end but the support from Station personnel and well-wishers has been fantastic. So many people stopped by to give me encouragement and it made the time fly by. The cadets did a great job as did the shift personnel from the Fire Section, who kept me topped up with water and helped re-inflate the

legs of the faulty tent!! All in all, it was a challenging event that raised the profile of this great charity and helped to raise funds in the process”.



The money raised (currently just over £300) will be used to fund the Blue Skies Project – a flagship youth engagement programme which helps young people overcome adversity and reach their full potential.

Flight Lieutenant Jon Egging tragically lost his life on the 20th August 2011 whilst completing an air display at the Bournemouth Air Festival, and the Trust is run by Jon's widow Dr Emma Egging. To support Martin's efforts, please go to www.justgiving.com/mgs100 or to donate £5, text JETM88 to 70070.

A trip down memory lane...underground!

When Royal Air Forces Association volunteer Ena Day attended the charity's annual conference she couldn't have known it would result in an invitation from the Chief of the Air Staff to visit today's equivalent of her old WAAF job.

Attending the Eastbourne conference to collect her certificate for being highly commended as a volunteer of the year, Ena met Sir Andrew Pulford, Chief of the Air Staff. On being asked about her RAF service, she talked of her time as a Direction Finder at RAF Hawkinge during WW II. Sir Andrew invited Ena to see how her job compares to modern day direction finding, and invited her to visit HQ Air Command at RAF High Wycombe.

The day started with a visit to Sir Arthur 'Bomber' Harris's office. Ena was very interested in the maps showing RAF locations, targets and routes, noting similarities to the maps she used while helping Allied pilots navigate their way home when lost over France or the Channel. She was particularly pleased to see RAF Hawkinge, near Folkestone, clearly shown. She also took the opportunity to see how modern day Direction Finders (Aerospace Battle Managers or ABMs) work at High Wycombe.

After lunch with the Station Commander and a group of ABMs, Gp Capt Lester was delighted to present Ena with a framed photo before thanking her for all her efforts.

The tour then moved to the bunker at RAF Uxbridge, where Ena relived her old job with a headset on

listening for the often faint calls of returning pilots. After taking a bearing from their signals and some quick calculations, she was able to pinpoint their



locations and guide them to the nearest airfield.

The day brought back many memories for Ena, some good, some not so good. Although she undoubtedly helped many find their way back to safety, it was tough for her to reimagine the conversations she had with pilots who sadly never made it home.

Ena started helping the RAF family in WW II and has done so ever since. From her many years as a Welfare Officer for her local Branch to her fundraising efforts today, she is one of thousands of volunteers dedicated to helping the charity that supports the RAF family.

By Emma Reed (RAFA)

The Late Malcolm Leflaive



I would like to say a big thank you to everyone, following Malcolm's death, for their many and beautiful condolence cards, kind messages and generous, complimentary recollections of Malcolm as a person, as well as the part he played in our community.

Malcolm was a man of many talents. He went to Merton

College, Oxford, to read Maths and Chemistry and

retained a life-long interest in all the sciences, but was even more inspired by the arts. In his spare time he turned his hand to painting, sculpture, writing poetry and short stories. Particularly, he enjoyed story-telling surrounded by a group of children.

Apart from enjoying his ability to mimic, Malcolm's grandchildren valued his facility with languages, especially when it came to homework, not least when Latin translations were involved.

Malcolm immersed himself in music. He enjoyed playing the piano, and had a wide appreciation of everything from Gregorian Chant to Mahler with a particular fondness for Beethoven.

For the greater part of his life Malcolm was an outdoor enthusiast and took pleasure in rugby, rowing, sailing, fell running and caving. For many years he was passionate about rock climbing and was always keen to pass on his love for outdoor pursuits to the younger members of his family.

The family moved to Naphill in 1977, and Malcolm developed a keen interest in the local environment and community. An abiding concern was the protection of the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, in which Naphill and Walter's Ash lie at the centre. One of the threats in 1984/5 was the sale of Church Farm for a golf course, including the fields that spread up to the woodlands at Naphill. It would have included a driving range, floodlight, and related building development. Malcolm was a key player in a small dedicated team, who over 3 years got the plan stopped, with the full backing of local people, who also supported the team in getting the next wave of applications refused to turn Church Farm into a holiday complex with further building development in Green Belt/AONB countryside. A few years later Malcolm put the Residents Association's case, convincingly, to a Public Enquiry to stop part of the field bordering Clappins Lane from being taken out of Green Belt to allow housing development.

By 1986 it became clear that our villages needed a permanent team not only to monitor and manage the continual flow of planning applications, but also to represent majority public opinion on a variety of other matters and to assist individual groups as necessary. So the present Residents Association came into being with Malcolm as one of its founding members. He accepted the position of Assistant Hon. Secretary at that time and fulfilled the role until his death in June this year, 2015

Malcolm's Christianity was core to his being. He found a welcome at St Michael and All Angels Church, helped with organizing the rota for servers, and for a time represented the Church on the Parochial Church Council. It gave him great sadness in recent years that his failing health prevented him from involving himself fully as a member of the Church congregation and latterly made it impossible for him to attend Church services.

Those who knew Malcolm will recall his kindness, but also his great sense of fun. His enthusiasm for telling jokes remained with him to the very last days of his life, and it would have pleased him to think that he would be remembered for his quick wit and humour.

Gloria Leflaive

The Black Lion

Well, it's a damp and dismal morning as we pen our thoughts and it's not been our best summer weather wise, but we've kept nice and busy (thank you) especially on those sunny days! Lots of new faces as some of our team are off travelling and others go to university. Thank you for all your hard work and we wish you well! And welcome to our new staff.

Everybody is getting very enthused and excited about the 2015 RUGBY WORLD CUP! And you can watch all the games with us. Whilst the games are on we have a fantastic offer of a basket meal a pint and a HEINEKEN WORLD CUP SCARF all for just £7.50.

C'MON ENGLAND!!!!

Also showing, as always, PREMIERSHIP football and every CHAMPIONS LEAGUE game plus lots of other sport on B.T. We are hosting our annual WYCOMBE LIONS QUIZ on Sunday October 4, which starts at 8 o'clock so come down a bit earlier and have one of our delicious roast dinners as we will be serving food until 8pm before testing your quizzing skills, so please give us a call to book a table! The Lions do a fantastic job raising money for local charities and we are very happy to be asked to support this very worthwhile organisation.



In the past few weeks we have been organising a HALLOWEEN DISCO which will be on Saturday 31 October. The FANCY DRESS party is for all ages with Sean Salter our local celebrity DJ smashing out old, new and scary

tunes and it all starts at 6 o'clock. There will be "best dressed" prizes with categories for children and adults so let's have a big effort from everyone! Tickets are available now from the bar and are £5 per adult and £3 for children. There will also be a buffet available and lots of sweets for the children all included in the ticket price. We hope to see all on the night!

Our chef James and I have had many meetings discussing our new Autumn menu which is going to be available from the middle of October. We have some very exciting new meals along with our forever loved favourites. We hope to see you all to try our delicious new meals.

So lastly that brings us on to our Christmas menu, which will be available by the 1st October. We had an extremely busy December last year so pop in, phone or email us for your copy of the Christmas menu and get your table booked with us as soon as possible to avoid any disappointment.

We can cater for large and small parties and have a great range of buffet menus. Call us on 01494 563176 to book.

Once again thank you to everyone for your support and custom. It is much appreciated.



Jack and all the team

Naphill Horticultural Society Autumn Show 2015



Photographs courtesy
Thomas Britton

Naphill Horticultural Society

Firstly, thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Autumn Show. Whether you were an exhibitor, a viewer, or a buyer at the auction you helped to make the day a great success. Considering the difficult gardening year we have had there were some excellent entries, although numbers were down 50% on last year. Baking was the most popular section. As always, it was lovely to have new exhibitors and to see them win prizes especially in the children's classes where competition for the best decorated flower pot was fierce! So thank you all.

The biggest thank you however, must go to Peter Davis, for stepping in at the last minute to organise the Show. He makes it all look so effortless, but the rest of us know that this is not the case.

Sadly, this is very likely to be our last show.

As you know, we have been asking for a volunteer to take on the role of Show Secretary for some time now, and at the time of writing no such offer has been forthcoming, so the Committee have had to make the very hard decision that our Cheese & Wine Evening on Friday 30 October will be the last event to be organised by Naphill Horticultural Society.

If you would like to join us for our "Last Hoorah!" tickets are now available for our Cheese & Wine Evening, which is always a popular event, and this year takes place on Friday October 30th in the Village Hall.

We are delighted to be welcoming back the very informative, and highly entertaining, John Negus, who will start the evening off for us with a talk, entitled "Borders of Distinction"

At around 9pm we will tuck into the now famous buffet of cheese, pâté, salad etc.

Numbers are limited, and tickets always sell quickly.

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Cathryn Carter

563233

Hughenden Parish Council

FACTOID #4

Last year we gave out over £26,000 in donations, grants and loans to worthy organisations in the Parish, from a £3,825 donation to the Naphill & Walter's Ash Forest School to the annual grant of £520 to the Gazette.

Grants, Donations and Loans 2016

The Parish Council has powers to award grants and loans to local community organisations which are considered to be in the interests of Hughenden Parish and its residents. For example, in the last year grants have been made to village halls across the Parish, various sporting organisations and to assist the

Hughenden Valley Community shop to establish their very successful café.

This year the Parish Council would like to receive requests from a wide variety of applicants - charities and non profit organisations only, so that the broadest range of local organisations can be encouraged and supported.

The Parish Council offer both grants for up to £5,000 and loans for potentially larger sums that are then repaid with interest over a maximum period of 7 years.

If you are aware of, or involved with, an organisation that could benefit from Parish Council financial assistance now is the time that applications for loans and grants should be considered for submission as the Parish Council prepares its annual budget during November/December.

Organisations should therefore write to apply by the end of October in time to be considered for the main bids. Whilst requests for small grants can be made at any time, there is no guarantee that any funds will remain available if the request is not submitted by the end of October.

This is a competitive process against other bids, unfortunately the Parish are not able to fund all projects submitted as there is a limited budget available. All applications are treated equally and if successful the payment will be made after April 2016. Applications should be made in writing.

If you have any questions as to whether your organisation would qualify or if you would like a copy of the Grants and Loans Policy as well as an application form please contact the Hughenden Parish Office, tel. 01494 715296, or visit the Parish Council website at <http://www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk/policies-procedures/>

Your Parish Councillors

Phil Crawford, Dennis Hackling, Chris Waterton & Peter Williams

Email nawa@hughendenpc.org.uk Website www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk

Naphill Scouts

It has been a quiet start to the term for Naphill Scouts, alas we have not managed to have our first meeting. This is due to non availability of leaders due to work commitments.

This is becoming an ever increasing problem as we all seem to get busier as our careers progress. We are always looking for new recruits to our leadership team, in order for us to maintain a strong scouting presence for all age groups within our local community. Anyone interested should email naphillscouts@aol.com.

We plan to welcome 6 new scouts this term and start the transition of some of our older scouts to the local Explorer Scout unit, who meet in the scout hut on Friday evenings 7-30 to 9-30.

We have all the usual traditional scout activities planned for the term ahead including, cooking over fires in the woods, map and compass work, night hikes and the annual pumpkin carving competition

Adrian

GRAND FIREWORKS DISPLAY

**NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2015
ON THE CRICK**

Fire lighting at 6pm, display from 7pm

Tickets: Adults £5.50 before the day £7 on the day
Children £1.50 before the day
£2 on the day (under 5's FREE)

BAR, BARBECUE & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
PLEASE DO NOT BRING SPARKLERS ETC. TO THE EVENT

23rd Annual Naphill Fireworks & Bonfire

The fireworks display will be held on Saturday 7 November this year.

As last year we will be fencing off the bonfire area 2 weeks before on 24 October. The site will be open for you to bring your own wood for the bonfire on the 2 Saturdays before the event but closed on other days to control the amount and type of wood and where it is put. We can only accept paletts and timber. Fir trees and other green wood cannot be accepted as it lengthens the time to burn and there is a risk of too much smoke. With a slight wind that can be unpleasant on the night as well as increasing the danger of hot ash in the eye. This worked well last year so hopefully it will be successful again this year.

Any commercial organisation should give me a call to arrange an appointment to deposit their timber.

Tickets for the event will be available from 24 October at reduced prices up to close of business at the usual shops and pubs on Friday 7 November. Please remember that the shops and pubs cannot accept credit card payments for the tickets as they do not make any money out of selling them. It is all done for the good of the community. We have put up the price of adult tickets purchased prior to the event by 50p - they have been £5 since 2009. The child price has remained the same since 1999! All other ticket prices are the same as last year.

As ever we need a large number of volunteers to help us run the event so if you can help please let me know.

Please remember not to bring sparklers or other fireworks to the event as we will not let you in. Also

please do NOT bring dogs or other pets to the event. I would also ask Vincent's Way residents not to access the Crick by their back gates.

We hope you come and join this highly enjoyable event and have a good time.

Andrew Wilmot

Chairman – Fireworks Committee

Tel: 562770

Fireworks By Numbers

Just before Fireworks Night last year someone passed a comment on to me from a conversation they had had earlier that day..

"..are you going to the fireworks night?..."

"..oh yes we never miss it, we watch it from the Wheel it's safer over there!"

Now, that one comment got me angry, sad, and frustrated all at the same time. As a Fireworks Committee member I know only too well what we have to do to comply with the various stringent safety requirements and insurance conditions to ensure a safe and enjoyable display - so I thought it was high time to reveal some facts and figures around what actually happens to produce the marvellous event that so many villagers enjoy, and while I am at it put in a request at the end of my rant.

This year will be the 23rd Naphill Bonfire and Fireworks Display (in it's current format), nearly half of the committee of 8 have been involved since the first event. We spend approximately £5000 on display category fireworks to produce the 30 minute display. All of our firers are trained by our suppliers Pains Fire-

works Ltd and have to attend a refresher course every year, which means we have the benefit of insurance cover from Pains for the event. Pains will also inspect the site prior to the day to run through all the safety aspects. One of our firers has gone a step further and achieved his certification from the BPA (British Pyrotechnists Association) a benefit of which is that we can now use even higher category fireworks = bigger and better bangs!

Now the Safety stuff - we have to produce and have in place;

- 1 Risk Assessment for the event
- 1 Safety Plan
- 1 Licence to store the Fireworks in a suitable, inspected environment prior to the event (no, it's not in the Village Hall, and I'm not going to tell you where it is)
- 2 Qualified First Aiders on the night
- 8 (minimum) Firework and Bonfire Marshals around the designated areas
- 1 Fire Engine on site throughout the event (thank you RAF for this)

So, that's what we need to do every year to provide the fantastic display for the 2000 or more villagers and others who attend. But to do this we need at least 50 people onsite during the event, to steward the gates, to marshal the bonfire and firework areas, to run the bar and BBQ, and at the end of the evening strip everything down so that by Sunday morning the Crick is returned to normal.

SO! Here is the request!

We urgently need more people to get involved both during the day setting up, and throughout the evening. Any time you can give us would be a great help, even just a couple of hours during the morning or afternoon, or if you're available, to help at the end of the evening when some of us will be flagging after a long day. All the committee (and others) are onsite from early Saturday morning until well after the public have left and as you can imagine are wilting by the end.

Please come and get involved, we really need some new blood to ensure this fabulous event will continue for many years to come. You can either contact our chairman Andrew Wilmot (on 562770) or me, we will be more than pleased to welcome your assistance in whatever area you can contribute.

It's not just a bunch of old blokes letting off some very big rockets!

Ron Carter

Chief Steward - Naphill Bonfire and Fireworks Committee
Tel:563233

The Wheel

It feels so long since I wrote our last article and I can honestly say that August was not an exciting month with our amazing summer weather!

We said goodbye to Jack and Annabel. They have now gone off to university and we wish them well. Hopefully, we will see them in December.

Although we have lost two members of staff we are welcoming back Shaun who has been working at Disney for a year and is now back in the family while he finishes his degree. Sometimes I cannot

believe just how quickly the time flies by. It is amazing to realise that in August Chloe celebrated her 8th anniversary working here. There were further celebrations for her 26th Birthday in September. Thank you for everything Chloe!

By the time you read this it will be October and the Rugby World Cup will be well and truly underway. Over the last few weeks I have been very busy decorating the pub inside and out in anticipation of this great sporting event. We have also started a sweepstake for our rugby customers. So hopefully by the time you read this you will have already been enjoying the games and made the most of the special offers and box meals we have been doing. Fingers crossed England does well!

I'm really sorry if you missed the Curry night which was 24th Sept, but with the change in Gazette copy being Aug/Sept instead of July/Aug it may mean that people may have missed some of these great events that were held in September. So these are the next dates and events on our calendar.

- Sat 24 Oct - Bangers and Mash Night
- Sat/Sun 24/25 Oct - Rugby World Cup semi finals (4pm)
- Sat 31 Oct - Rugby World Cup Final (4pm)
- Sat 7 Nov - Bonfire Night
- Sat 21 Nov - Game Food Night

Finally I should like to remind you all that our Christmas menu is now available. If you haven't already done so, please pop in and collect a copy. It is always wise to book early so you get the date you want.

We look forward to seeing you all over the next few months and as the weather draws in the fires will be lit to keep us all warm and cosy. Thanks, as usual, for your custom.

Claire and Mark

Wycombe Futsal

Throughout the history of grass roots football, coaches across the world have always searched for new and creative ways to help young players not only to learn the game of football but also to have loads of fun at the same time. Yet there has been a form of the game which has proven to fast track youth football development for many years, a tool which the FA has come to realise needs to play a vital part of the modern game.

Futsal has been around for generations and is popular in countries such as Brazil and Spain and is world's fastest growing indoor sport. Many players like Messi and Ronaldo have attributed many of their skills to the game, yet it is surprising that many english coaches have never heard of it and still use the old style of football coaching.

Two coaches from High Wycombe are now set to change this. Mark Mullenbach and David Salisbury are coaches who were looking for new ways to train their players in an environment which was both fun and educational. Having been re-introduced to Futsal by the FA, Mark then decided to do some research into Futsal and accepted that this was the future for his players. He began searching for games for some of his local players to participate in. He then began coaching

Futsal to a handful of his players, whose parents were willing to give it a go - and that's where it all began.

After a few short months parents began to see a real change in the way the boys played their game and the team became known for its passing style by fellow coaches. This low ranked team playing in the last division began seeing some positive results at the end of the season and almost halved the goals they conceded and doubled what they scored.

The positive impact the game had on the players and the lack of accessibility to any local Futsal leagues drove Mr Mullenbach to begin his own league and so Wycombe Futsal was born. The first to join was David Salisbury from Naphill who accepted a friendly game of Futsal and became hooked from the first moment, so much so that he has since left his employment to become a full-time Futsal / Football coach. The two coaches have now completed their first U9 league, which comprised 4 teams from local areas, all of which have only good things to say about their time with the association.

Parents who participated had nothing but praise for the sport with one parent commenting on how it was more enjoyable than the usual format as it was faster and more action packed.

Mark and David highly recommend that all coaches should try it at least once, but find it difficult to get most coaches to even give it a go. Both agree that coaching a youth team can take up a lot of personal time and many coaches don't want to commit to anything further. However in just six months, from a team of ten players, Naphill under 8s have had two of their team invited to join an advanced training centre and one boy invited to the Wycombe Wanderers development centre. David firmly believes that the skills learned whilst playing Futsal were fundamental in their advancement as players and are the main reason behind them being noticed.

The association tries to work closely with teams, parents and clubs to accommodate players where possible and state that if a player, parent or coach wants to play they will go out of their way to make it happen. Clubs can either enter teams into the league or parents who have an interest in their children playing can have them placed in a team during the 6-8 week leagues which allows them to stay with their local club and be able to play in a new club and make new friends. Even parents who have no experience in coaching but want to give back to football or just want to help young children keep active can form a team for the 6 week period. The league will help run and organise the entire process for you. Wycombe Futsal will even coach your team on the day. Matches, referees and venues are arranged, All coaches are level 2 FA qualified Football coaches, Level 1 Futsal and have up to date CRB checks, so you can be happy in the sound knowledge that your children are in good hands.

If you would like more info on Futsal the best method is to go online. There are YouTube videos on "What is Futsal" which will explain everything you need to know. Otherwise you can get hold of Wycombe Futsal either by phone or email and they will make a personal visit to you or your club to explain about Futsal in more detail. Along with the existing under 10 league (open to players aged 8 and 9 on August 31st 2015) sponsored by St Clair Accountancy and Veolia water, we hope to

add two new leagues starting up in October. The first would be for under 12s (this would consist of players aged 10 and 11 as of August 31st 2015) and an over 35 division. Most of the players already playing can now boast that their parents are also playing Futsal with at least 12 parents who played on our open day looking to form teams or join existing ones. Interested parties are urged to book their places as availability of qualified referees means only a certain number of teams will be able enter. Wycombe Futsal is also looking for partners and league sponsors for its growing operation. For more details contact :-

Mark.mullenbach@yahoo.com or David on strawbs748@hotmail.com

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Wycombe Futsal
07891 853477

Naphill Neighbours

Our garden tea party in August was a great success and enjoyed by all our members who attended despite the weather! Luckily we had been able to transfer all the elements (scones, cakes, raffle, etc) to the Village Hall as the black clouds loomed at lunchtime – leaving the gazebo, tables and chairs deserted in Hazel's garden in the rain!

Our next club meeting on Monday 12 October, will be the (very brief) AGM followed by a return visit of Mark Davies talking this time about "The Story of Two Warrior Queens" – the passenger liners Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth.

Hazel Vickery 563977

Bon Ami Coffee Shop

It seems that autumn is well and truly with us bringing some lovely autumn flavours to Bon Ami – squash and sage soup, leek and potato soup, plum and almond cake, hazelnut cake and cinnamon traybake.

A huge Thank You to all of you who managed to join us on 25th September for our Macmillan All Day Coffee Morning. A final total of funds raised will appear in next months Gazette but we could not have had such a successful day without your support.

A reminder that Something Chocolatey are holding chocolate making workshops here throughout the coming months. Places on the Christmas workshops are selling fast but there are still a few places available on Monday 5th and Thursday 8th October.

We are now on Facebook and Twitter so please do like, friend, follow or whatever you have to do to keep up with what's going on here.

Finally, we know that it's only October, but we do have the Christmas Phoenix Card catalogues here together with a selection of cards, wrapping and advent calenders so why not pop in, get organized and cross something off your list!

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Amanda and Ruth

Naphill Brownies

Well, it's great to be back.

In the summer holidays ten of our brownies enjoyed a fun-packed weekend away with the brownies from Hughenden and Walters Ash. We slept away for 2 nights (the first time for some of the girls) and whilst away we tried our hand at archery, climbing and exploring the underground tunnels, as well as lots of crafts and games. We were blessed with warm dry weather all weekend and had a truly fantastic time. Now we're all looking forward to doing it all again next year

We have a busy term planned. We have evenings in the hut doing science, music, crafts and games. We have visitors coming to do exciting new activities with us and we have our regular community events such as the Jumble Sale and Remembrance to enjoy.

We started the term off with an evening dedicated to our patron 'Her Majesty the Queen' in honour of her becoming our longest serving monarch. The brownies made some stunning (and occasionally highly original!) crowns so that they could be queen for an evening.

We have 4 new brownies this term. As new brownies join us, we like to remind ourselves that all brownies like to 'do a good turn every day'. If you happen to know a brownie, please do encourage this!! We hope our new brownies will love brownies as much as we do.

Finally, we hope you will all dig out some jumble for our sale on 3rd October and then come and enjoy a good rummage.

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**Guides
&
Brownies
Jumble Sale
Saturday
3rd October
Naphill Village Hall
1.30pm**

We will be collecting items for the sale around the village on the morning of the sale, and we would also welcome any items you wish to bring to the Village Hall on the sale day.

No furniture or electrical goods please!



Community Cinema Comes to Naphill Village Hall

Saturday 10th October 2015 7pm



**The Secret Life of
Walter Mitty (PG)**

Tickets are free of charge (you will be asked to make a voluntary donation to the organisers) and must be reserved in advance at

<http://www.fisheyeilmfest.uk/>

or call 01494 563053

*** Numbers are limited so book early to avoid disappointment ***

Cash bar and snacks available to purchase on the night

Other films are also showing locally; please
visit the Fisheye Film Festival page on
Facebook for more information

The Umbrella Tree

2015

2009 - Members of FONC learning more about the Umbrella Tree.

For many years the Umbrella Tree was clipped by Alfred Kingdom who lived in the nearby cottage shown in the photos.

In more recent years the National Trust have managed this popular tree using the old photographs for guidance.

- See more at: <http://www.chilternsaonb.org/ccbmaps/463/137/umbrella-tree.html#sthash.w5HbOJ6G.dpuf>

1906 The Tilbury Sisters

Parents' open meeting Beginning Primary School Sept 2016 At Naphill and Walters Ash School

Tuesday 6th October 1.15 Wednesday 11th November 9.15



A 9.15/1.15 meeting with the head teacher then an opportunity to meet staff, meet children and see the classes in action



Naphill and Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning List for 9th September 2015 New Applications

Oak tree T1, remove major dead wood, crossed branches, dying and dangerous branches and reduce overly extended stems by approx 1-1.5m (10%), clear from telephone wires and copper beach by approx 1m. **The Oak Tree Louches Lane Naphill Buckinghamshire HP14 4QJ Ref. No: 15/07486/TPO** | Received: Sun 06 Sep 2015 | Validated: Mon 07 Sep 2015 | Status: Pending Consideration

Householder application for construction of first floor side extension, single storey rear extension and part garage conversion **Tall Trees Louches Lane Naphill Buckinghamshire HP14 4QJ Ref. No: 15/07442/FUL** | Received: Wed 02 Sep 2015 | Validated: Mon 07 Sep 2015 | Status: Pending Consideration

Householder application for construction of single storey detached outbuilding in rear garden (retrospective). **32 Main Road Naphill Buckinghamshire HP14 4QB Ref. No: 15/07373/FUL** | Received: Wed 26 Aug 2015 | Validated: Wed 26 Aug 2015 | Status: Pending Consideration

Householder application for demolition of existing garage and erection of detached single garage, with store and home office/garden room (alternative scheme to PP 15/05577/FUL) **Nesta Stocking Lane Naphill Buckinghamshire HP14 4NE Ref. No: 15/07122/FUL** | Received: Mon 03 Aug 2015 | Validated: Wed 05 Aug 2015 | Status: Pending Consideration

Land At 256 Main Road Naphill Buckinghamshire HP14 4RX Ref. No: 15/06478/FUL | Received: Mon 01 Jun 2015 | Validated: Tue 16 Jun 2015 | Erection of attached two storey 2-bed dwelling, widening of access & dropped kerb & creation of four parking spaces to front (2 spaces for use of 256 Main Road) Status: Pending Consideration

Date of next meeting: Thursday October 8th, Naphill Village Hall

Liz Conran

Naphill Tennis Club

Tennis has been in full swing over the summer with a very successful Children's Tennis Camp taking place in August. Friday evening Junior Coaching has re-started for those older youngsters who wish to continue following the Summer School Term coaching and this will continue for a few more weeks until the shorter evenings draw in.

We are now looking forward to our Club Barn Dance to be held on 27 November when we hope as many of our members as possible will be able to attend.

As you are aware, tennis is played all the year round at Naphill Club and is an excellent way of

getting fresh air and exercise and keeping warm at the same time! We are a very sociable group with a number of club sessions during the week and at weekends when you are very welcome to join us. For anyone new to the area who would like to join us, please contact the Membership Secretary (see list of Clubs & Organisations at front of Gazette).

Jenny Tench

Shear Madness

Firstly, apology for missing the deadline for August/September Gazette, I will be on holiday when you receive this issue but I'm back on Friday 2nd October

October already, where has the year gone ?? Let's hope we have some lovely, sunny, crisp days, ideal for a brisk walk in the woods. Halloween and clocks changing, light the fire and snuggle up with loved ones.

Thank you for all of your support over the last 11 months, it truly means the world to me

Mandy

Sheila's Tea Party

Many thanks to all who supported us again this year at the Charity Tea Party on 30 July. It was very successful and raised a total profit of £700 which is going to the Stroke Club and Spinal Injuries.

We do very much appreciate the support of the residents of Naphill and all who attended and all who helped at the event.

Many Thanks,

Sheila, Evelyn and Neville



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A Letter from our Methodist Minister

By the time you read this, my friend and colleague Simon, vicar of the parish, will have preached his last sermon here and moved to his new patch across the M40, and I am into my eighth and final year here. Some stay longer than others, but mainly we clergy are passers-by, temporary residents, through-traffic.

At the recent passing of one of our life-long residents, we were remembering the people from past decades, and there was much reference to the names of village families, and the older ladies were of course referred to by their maiden names, which left me struggling to follow the conversation!

A few days ago, Her Majesty became the longest reigning monarch in the history of our country, a symbol of stability and continuity. At the same time Australia has its fourth prime minister in 2 years. World politics is turbulent, and few leaders remain for very long. Our Queen is a precious rarity.

Homo Naledi bones have been found in South Africa and recently publicised as some of the most ancient human-like creatures yet discovered. If these are our ancestors, we've changed a fair bit since then!

Each generation retains some of the past, but brings its own innovation, modernisation, and developments, which it thinks are "improvements"! Arguably the rate of change is forever increasing. Certainly there are features of our life which our grandparents could not have imagined, and we now take for granted.

And if we look forward to the future, there are changes which are not hard to predict in the next few years, or maybe a couple of decades, but after that, it would be pure guesswork.

One always hopes that changes will be for the better, but that is not necessarily so. All change is risky, and sometimes we instinctively resist change. Continuity on the other hand seems safer, even there are aspects of life which are unsatisfactory and need improving. As human beings we are caught between the two.

Our understanding of God (at least far as ordinary Christianity is concerned), shows an eternal permanent unchanging nature. One who is dependable, reliable, and who is not going to be chopping and changing to suit the whims of our very temporary mortal lives. Such consistency gives us some peace, in the midst of our troubles and chaos.

Yet God is not unaware of the progress of time and the course of history and the circumstances of each human life, and indeed has brought about a fundamental change: the coming of Jesus Christ, whose life has itself changed millions of lives.

And Church tries to express this mixture of eternal continuity and dynamic transformation, and sometimes we get the balance right! but only sometimes!

Mike Hill

(Minister of Naphill Methodist Church)

BLOG - The Benefits of Cycling

The idea of a cycle track near the existing walking track to town and back was reascent in my mind because it would allow people who live in villages like Hughenden, Naphill, Lacey Green and Walters Ash to cycle into High Wycombe or to nearby villages in a safe, convenient and enjoyable way.

The signs and benefits are on the wall or should I say on the cycle track. It would be so pleasant to get from A to B in safety, at a speed of choice whilst exploring and enjoying the area of outstanding natural beauty in which we live. Such journeys might well help relieve our stresses whilst improving our health and general wellbeing by regulating our blood pressure and maintaining a healthy heart. Below is an example of a cycle track at Spitalfields Farm in East London.

Perhaps you are one of the many people who like me would enjoy travelling on two wheels rather than four in the car! I should like to see a push to get the community fit. Why not organise cycling coffee mornings at The Community Shop in Hughenden (<http://www.valleyshop.org/>), at Bon Ami in Naphill (<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.167019153330530.35546.157487064283739>) or Pony Espresso (<http://www.ponyespresso.co.uk/>) in Walters Ash? Let's cycle, socialise and encourage one another to keep fit. I am sure this will appeal to a wide range of people, especially those who want a safe and friendly atmosphere. There are also opportunities to become involved with the Project from Coates Lane to Hughenden Park. Here is a link to the Hughenden Quarter development - <http://wycombeforbusiness.co.uk/developmentsites.aspx#four>

From a green prospective another benefit of cycling as against using a car is that it is kinder to the environment. Fewer cars on the roads would certainly help reduce pollution levels.

Children generally love to ride a bike for pleasure but why not ride for a purpose? If we had cycle tracks and routes our children might ride their bikes to school and a family outing could be a cycle ride. Many schools now offer cycling courses for their students.

I believe passionately that we need more safe cycling routes and cycle paths and so I have started by putting up my own petition on line at <http://www.change.org> and to date I have seventy-three signatures and other indications of positive support for this project but we still need more signatures. Please check the link at https://www.change.org/p/wycombe-district-council-or-bucks-county-council-new-cycle-lane-from-hughenden-buckinghamshire-area-to-high-wycombe-town-centre?utm_medium=email&utm_source=promoted_petitions&utm_campaign=promoted_petition_activation&utm_content=control&tk=XC8ry-AZKeYn0qPvudwnpQuisY_svCgmd3AY0CUdRq8.

Recently I got in touch with Wycombe District

Council and spoke with Lesley Clarke who told me that she thought that this was a good idea and that she would contact her colleagues as to how this issue might be progressed. Next I made contact with our local MP, David Liddington, who confirmed his support. His area links to Steve Baker's, the MP for High Wycombe, so we need a common message and link by both men to help things move forward. Mr Liddington told me he would make contact with the relevant Councils to urge this Project forward.

I was also told that in the past the RAF wanted to build a safe cycle track for their staff and other personnel. If this were to be constructed we would have a cycle track going from Lacey Green to the RAF bases, then onwards to Walters Ash, Naphill, Hughenden and into High Wycombe. What a useful, fun cycle ride this would give us, which would undoubtedly be beneficial and help unify our community.

I have contacted the Hughenden Valley Residents Association and discovered that they had an idea to join up a cycle track from Hughenden Park to the Community Shop. My initial idea was to have the current walking path cleaned up, with a wider pavement to accommodate both pedestrians and cyclists. Currently the path is unlit, overgrown and there are safety issues with fast traffic and pollution. Safety would be a major concern due to the speed of the traffic.

The idea from Hughenden Valley Residents Association is to get permission and build an inside cycle lane and track from the Community Shop to High Wycombe, which would accommodate all types of users as far as Coates Lane.

As from now, it will be a single campaign by all parties to get people motivated to make it happen so that all of us can benefit. If it is planned and thought out properly, the opportunity of having a cycle track could flourish and as I you can see from this blog, I believe that there are substantial benefits in many different ways, which will enhance our lives in a wide variety of ways.

Gene da Rocha



International Girls Day – Wycombe

Women and girls from around the community in Wycombe are being invited to attend an event to celebrate International Girls Day.

Hosted by Thames Valley Police, the free event takes place on Saturday 10 October at Buckinghamshire New University, Queen Alexandra Road, High Wycombe from 11am to 5pm.

Supported by local partner agencies, charities and businesses, the community event is an opportunity for women and girls across the district and from all communities, to come together to share and celebrate their achievements and experiences under one roof.

Information stalls and local services will be available throughout the day. These will include trafficking/

slavery, housing services, crime prevention, NHS services and Prevent.

Attendees will also be able to enjoy live entertainment, a raffle and food courtesy of local businesses.

Ch Inspector Becky Mears, Deputy LPA Commander, said: "We are delighted to be holding this event for girls and young women across Wycombe to come together to share their experiences as well as seek advice and information." International Girls Day, which falls the following day (11/10), is a United Nations day celebrating the potential and rights of girls across the world.

"We therefore wanted to do something locally here in Wycombe to mark the day.

"The International Day of the Girl Child recognises that empowering and investing in girls is key to ending discrimination and violence against females and can be achieved with the support of their parents, families and communities.

"Coverage of the day will be available via Twitter. Follow us @TVP_Wycombe. Join us to tweet with the international #dayofthegirl.

News from Christians in the Community

For Christians in the Community the summer period has been quite quiet but now Autumn is upon us and we have new events to announce!

On Tuesday 6th October we will have our Committee meeting at 10.30 am. Everybody is welcome Please phone me to find out where this meeting is to be held.

On Saturday 17th October there will be a 'Traidcraft' coffee and tea morning at the Naphill Methodist Church from 10 until 12. Extra supplies of 'Traidcraft' products will be available to buy. There will also be a raffle and a cake stall.

Our Carols by Candlelight service will be held at the Naphill Village Hall on 20 December at 4 pm. All are welcome.

Norma Clarke
tel. 563116

Services at St. Botolph's

Friday October 2nd 6pm Choral Evensong for Harvest, followed by light cheese and wine supper. Children also catered for. All welcome.

Sunday 4 October 11am Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 11 October 11am Eucharist

Sunday 18 October 11am Eucharist

Sunday 25 October 11am Matins

Peggy Ewart

The Jump



Congratulations to the Pool Family on their "GREAT JUMP"

in memory of Simon Pool, which raised a fantastic £5,500 for the Florence Nightingale Hospice. Since Simon died, his family and friends have raised around £45,000 for this great cause. and they thank everybody for their help and support.

Goodbye Summer



photograph courtesy of Thomas Britton

Small Ads - continued

PILATES NAPHILL METHODIST HALL. Small group or 1:1 group pilates for men and women. Existing classes run Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Additional times available for individual requirements. Create a balanced, strong, stable and co-ordinated body. Sarah Markham 07507415792.

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The Last Word

Over the past two months I have received several reports regarding inconsiderate parking, the ongoing problem with people not clearing up the dog mess deposited by their pets and litter not being put in the rubbish bins. In some cases this has involved complaints and arguments which have caused offence and distress to the parties involved. I have reports in which both parties feel that the other side was unnecessarily aggressive and abusive. Rather than print these conflicting reports I would urge you all to please be polite to one another, to please park your vehicles considerately, clear up behind your pets and put your litter in the bin!

On the positive side there are so many things being planned and organised for us all to support and enjoy. As you will see, I am introducing a "Posting Board" where I will post these events and reminders.

There was no school report this month as our new school reporters have been busy doing their eleven plus tests. I look forward to welcoming them and hearing about the new school year in the November edition of our magazine.

I appreciate all your contributions but as you know the involvement of the younger generation in the production of our magazine is dear to my heart. This month Thomas Britton, a talented local GSEC student, kindly attended the Horticultural Society Autumn show and took the photographs which I have used in the collage on page 20 and I have also featured one of his butterfly pictures in my "Goodbye Summer" collage. My special thanks to you Thomas!

My thanks as always to all our contributors and to Richard Holroyd for this month's glorious Autumnal cover. I look forward to receiving all your contributions for the November issue of our magazine on or before 15 October please.

Sonia

Post it Board

Brownie, Guide Jumble Sale
Sat. 3 Oct/
Village Hall
1.30pm

Bon Ami Something Chocolatey
Mon. 5 Oct.
Thurs. 8 Oct.

School Parents' Open Meetings
6 Oct 1.15pm
11 Nov 9.15am

Community Cinema
Sat. 10 Oct
7pm
Secret Life of Walter Mitty

Wheel
Sat 24 Oct
Bangers and Mash Nigh
Sat. 21 Nov.
Game Food Night

FONC Fungal Foray
Sun. 25 Oct.
Meet Village Hall
10am

Horticultural Society Cheese & Wine
Fri 30 Oct
7.30pm

Black Lion Halloween Party Night
Dico & Fancy Dress
Saturday
31 October

Fireworks on the Crick
Sat. 7 Nov.

Tennis Club Barn Dance
27 Nov.
Village Hall

Carols by Candlelight
20 December
Village Hall

Christmas Fayre
5 December
Village Hall

Remembrance Sunday Service
8 Nov. 2.45pm
Naphill Village Hall

Christians in the Community
Traidcraft Coffee/Tea Morning Sat.
17 Oct. 10-12
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Thames Valley Police NON EMERGENCY	PC Caroline Merriman	101 PRNPT	caroline.merriman@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk
Village Hall Bookings	Tanya Stevens	563053	naphillvillagehallbk@gmail.com 07851169275

Naphill and Walter's Ash Clubs and Organisations

Club or Organisation	Meeting Day	Location	Contact
Adult Ballet	Wednesdays 6.15-7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Pam Sheen 716384
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30-6.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 6 -7.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571 ruth.daly3@btinternet.com
Cubs (Naphill)	Tuesdays 700-8.30pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30-11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Walter's Ash	
Fitness Pilates - Pyramid H & F	Fridays 9.45-10.45am	Naphill Village Hall	07500 772146 alice@pyramidfitness.co.uk
Football Club Naphill Men's	Sundays 10.30am	RAF Walter's Ash	Phil Crawford 07500 007644
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Mondays 4.45-8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Elaine Tucker 816539 07974 121081 elainetuckeret@aol.com
	Tuesdays 3.30-7.30pm		
	Wednesdays 3.45-6.15pm		
Friends of Naphill Common (FONC)	Various	Various	Trevor Hussey 563767
Good Companions	First Thursday every month	Hughenden Village Hall	Sheila Veysey 562332
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7-8.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8-9pm	Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
Jujitsu	Monday Evening	RAF Walter's Ash	Holly 07957 727054
Line Dancing	Tuesdays 8-9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wilmot 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile Library	Wednesday 10.55-11.30am 11.35 -11.55am 12.05 -12..20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month 7.45 for 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Naphill Women's Fellowship	Wednesday afternoons 2pm	Methodist Church	Betty Jones 564469
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30 and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Wednesdays 7.30pm		
	Thursdays 5.45pm		
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30 -9.15pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillscouts@aol.com
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1, until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Tennis Club Senior Sessions Junior Coaching - Summer school term-only	Sundays 1.30pm	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david @tvemf.org Sarah Dengel 563706 sarah.dengel1@gmail.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com
	Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am		
	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.00pm		
	Fridays 4.15-7.30pm Saturday 9-9.45am under 7s		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8.00-10.00pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah Bacon 563479
Viper Explorer Scouts	Fridays 7.30-9.30pm	Scouts & Guide Hut Naphill	Richard Adams 07782 328148 richard@dams.me.uk
Yoga Stretch and Tone	Tuesdays 1.30-2.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
WI	3rd Thursday in month 7.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sally Woodbridge 562281

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Editorial

Was a disagreement ever solved by losing your temper? Will foul language and playground rhetoric help you fight your cause and so win the day? I was taught, at my mother's knee, that sarcasm was the lowest form of wit and sweet reason was always the best way forward, maxims easily chanted but sadly not always applied.

Recently there was a posting on the village Facebook regarding a 'camp' on the Common. A discussion developed which got somewhat out of hand as to whether this was deliberate littering or youngsters having fun. The site administrator for the village Facebook page has issued guidelines as to what should be posted and has exhorted us all to respect one another and to be kind and polite. Our community is noted for its generosity, its tolerance and kindness and long may this continue, and I thank Beth Foster for her excellent work in administering our village site.

On to much happier things! Yesterday I received an email asking me to advertise that the Maypole, currently stored at the Village School, was in need of a new home. I was a little sad, I understand that maypole dancing is not part of the National Curriculum but it is a very old English tradition. Within minutes I received a second email asking me to withdraw the notice as our Brownies have adopted the maypole and I for one will be very much looking forward to seeing them use it and keeping this tradition alive.

Next month is the December/January issue of our magazine and once again I shall be doing my best to make this issue as colourful and cheerful as possible. As always I will need your help so please send me your Christmas messages and greetings for inclusion in this special edition. I will, as I have done in previous years, include a limited amount of space for commercial greetings. Our regular feature advertisers are welcome to use their existing space and I will happily help in making these "Christmassy". For those wishing to have an extra colour space the charge will be £40 for a half page and £25 for a quarter page. I should be grateful if you would please advise me of your requirements as soon as possible please.

Our big village event this month is Bonfire Night to be held on the Crick on 7 November. Tickets are currently on sale in the local shops and pubs. Hopefully this will be a super event and much enjoyed by us all. This is followed on 8 November by our Remembrance service at the Village Hall. This is an opportunity for us all to remember those who have given their life in the fight for right and freedom. Please see the Post It Board for details of all our forthcoming events.

Sonia Goby

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Naphill Village Hall And Playing Fields Council

We have experienced a couple of thefts from cars parked in the Village Hall car park. In one a car window was smashed and a handbag stolen and in the other property was taken from an unlocked car. Luckily the CCTV was up and working again so hopefully we can find the perpetrator. But when parking in the car park we do remind you to lock your cars and leave anything of value out of sight locked in the boot. Even though we are doing our best to find the culprit of these thefts and to help the victims, we cannot accept responsibility for cars parked in the car park, you do that at your own risk.

The ball wall on the Crick has been well used during the summer and subsequently the grass around it is wearing very thin and thus could get very muddy during the winter. We have discussed laying Astroturf but the area concerned is large and would thus be expensive. We have also thought of plastic grid to help, but feel that we need to get further advice as to the best solution.

We discussed the possibility of installing a defibrillator at the Hall. Various local places are having them installed and we are following up the possibility of getting a grant to help with the cost of this piece of life saving equipment. We will keep you posted.

We had two showings of the community cinema in the Hall. The first was the film "Chef" on 25th September and the second was "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" on October 10th. They were both good community evenings but could have been better attended. The publicity was a bit confusing. We are promised some more films in the new year so we will try to get them well publicised with clearer instructions as to how to get tickets and thus hopefully attract bigger numbers. It is always nice to have entertainment in the Hall so we can have an evening out without having to travel.

The next fundraiser will be the fireworks on November 7th. Volunteers to help are, as ever, needed. If you could give up a bit of your time to help out with this fantastic evening then do please give Andrew Wilmott a ring on 562770 or Ron Carter on 563233. New young blood to help out with this event is greatly needed. The current committee has been doing it for years, and they are not getting any younger! It is always a wonderful display, so see you there.

Sarah Bacon

Chairman Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field
Ccouncil

Naphill and Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning: 15/07734/FUL 41 Woodcock Avenue, Walter's Ash. Householder application for construction of part two storey, part single storey side/rear extension and rear conservatory (Comment. Concern at proposed layout.). **15/07554/FUL 3 Braeside, Naphill.** HA to demolish existing rear conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension. **15/07551/TPO 75 Main Road, Naphill.** Reduce crown of Sycamore by 2.5 – 3 metres in height and spread by side lateral reduction of the branch length back by approx. 1.5

metres to all sides. All pruning points to be cut back to a suitable branch union. **15/07123/FUL Oak End, Clappins Lane, Naphill.** HA for construction of two storey front/side extension, insertion of window to front in connection with garage conversion and extension to existing raised decking.

Decisions: Permitted. **15/06851/TPO 93 Main Road, Naphill.** Crown reduce the height by approx. 2.5 to 3 metres to a suitable branch union, including side lateral reduction of the branch length back to a suitable branch union away from power line by approx. 1.5 to 2 metres and Crown lift from over the road to give 5.2m clearance for traffic and 2.2m for pedestrians to Group G1 comprising of 2 Ash, 5 Beech and 5 Sycamore. Crown reduce the height by approx. 2.5 to 3 metres to a suitable branch union, side lateral reduction of the branch length back to a suitable branch union by 1.5 to 2 metres Beech (T1) Crown reduce height by 2.5 to 3 metres to a suitable branch union, side lateral reduction of branch length by 1.5 to 2m and Crown lift from over garden give 3-4m clearance to Group G2, 1 Ash, 2 Sycamore. **15/07122/FUL Nesta, Stocking Lane, Naphill.** HA for demolition of existing garage and erection of detached single garage, with store and home office/garden room (alternative scheme to PP 15/05577/FUL).

Reporting road, pavement and footpath problems. If you are aware of a highway problem whether due to overgrown hedges, overhanging vegetation, pavement damage, hazardous road conditions, etc. Transport for Bucks advise we use the buckscc.gov.uk website. Select **"Transport"**, then select **"Report a highways issue"**. A choice of windows appears accompanied by a map which can be moved to cover the location of the problem. You then answer specific questions that identify problem. A photo can be added. Finally, you are given a reference number and told the date TfB will inspect/deal with the site. This is very helpful. However, there has been a snag with the website. On forward checking you may be told the job has been completed when clearly it has not. In that case you can ring **01296 382416 or 0845 230 2882** to report the work not completed and request a progress report. TfB are in the process of correcting their website to avoid confusion.

Should you consider the problem to be dangerous, such as a fallen tree on the road, or some other highway emergency you should call **01296 382416** (9am-5,30pm Mon-Thurs. 9am-5pm Friday) or **01296 486630** (out of hours and weekends).

If the site is under the control of Wycombe District Council or Parish Council (eg. Grass verge cutting) TfB will provide the information, but it will be up to the complainant to take the matter up with the appropriate authority.

Date of next meeting. 8pm Thursday 12 November. Naphill Village Hall

Gloria Leflaive
01494 563634

Picture This

It seems that the 'Arboreal Initials Project' I featured in last month's Gazette has gripped the imagination of several Naphill & Walter's Ash residents. The Marc Bolan fan has been identified by a reader who is reported as exclaiming

"Fame at last 'J', you've made it to the Gazette!". I'm keeping her real identity a secret until the Arboreal Initials Project website is opened; until then, she will only be referred to by her code name, 'J'.

Another reader has since related stories of teenage love and of him and his school-mates carving initials - "it's what we all did back then", - and also of a blue streaker. (And that is not a much rarer breed of parrot than the green, now inhabiting the Common).

So if you carved your initials on a tree on the Common and want to share a story, give me a call or email. Anyway, talking of rare things on the Common, this month's cover is a Panther. It is an *Amanita pantherina*. This is turning out to be a really good year for them - in fact for most fungi. Just like the wild cat that shares its name, the Panther is beautiful, dangerous and deadly. Don't touch it; just get up close, focus carefully and if you can, use a large aperture to blur the background for a Hollywood glamour style picture.

Fungi hunters will be absolutely fascinated to know that Swiss-born mycologist, Augustin Pyramis De Candolle (1778 - 1841), described this species in 1815, naming it *Agaricus pantherinus*. In doing so, he stole international press headlines away from Napoleon Bonaparte's ill-fated invasion of Russia. Nonetheless, in 1871, Paul Kummer (1834 - 1912), a German mycologist, moved the Panther to its present genus, naming it *Amanita pantherina*. All these years and you never knew.

Finally, a photo-tip. If you're going to the fireworks on the Crick, use a tripod (preferably where other people won't trip over it in the dark or you'll spoil your shots...). Use a small aperture and set your shutter to either B (for bulb) or T (for time). Use a shutter release / cable if you have one. With B, press and hold the shutter release which opens the shutter; when you let go of the shutter release, the shutter closes. With T, press the shutter release which opens the shutter and press again to close the shutter. Point your lens towards a dark part of the sky where the fireworks are bursting (avoid including bright lights or the bonfire). When a firework is fired, press the shutter to capture the burst and keep the shutter open. Cover the lens with your hand. Wait for the next firework and uncover the lens. And then again. Now close the shutter. You should now have 3 fireworks on one photograph which always looks far more impressive than single fireworks.

Do share with us any impressive pictures of mega rockets or panthers of any genus.

Enjoy your photography.

Richard Holroyd

richard@richardholroydphotography.com

Hughenden Parish Council Report

HPC FACTOID #5: Vincent's Meadow and Pond - off Downley Road adjoining Naphill Common is one of our ecologically rich, open, public spaces.

Here we are, half way through the first year of this new council with winter approaching. The work across our villages is shifting from grass cutting and hedge trimming to trees, ponds and structures. You may have noticed all our bus stops got a fresh lick of paint recently and that some of the wooden stumps and posts in the play area at Templewood have been replaced.

After decisions taken at last month's Full Council meeting, work will shortly be undertaken to rediscover the duckpond somewhat hidden behind the overgrown trees and bushes behind the Kilnwood bus stop. Some trees are being felled and new fencing installed. This is work long overdue as the pond and its ducks are suffering from poor light and now lots of falling leaves. The fencing, whilst secure, is a series of patches to ensure safety but is somewhat of an eyesore - especially when the trees and hedges are cut back. The work, which is planned to be carried out in the next 4-6 weeks, will take a couple of days and will affect the footpath and the bus stop. We can only apologise in advance for any disruption it may cause.



One of our new council's initiatives - brought about as a result of the residents survey many of you answered last year- the road safety group has already had some success in landing additional funding that we will be putting towards 2 more vehicle activated speed indicator signs. Our objective by the end of our four year term is to have one of these at each end of the principle routes in the Parish (that means doubling our current four units). The Road Safety group is also involved in making the roads and footpaths around our schools safer for staff, parents, residents and of course children. To that end, we are working with NAWA School, Thames Valley Police and the RAF. TVP and RAF Police have now started joint patrols on some mornings outside the school entrances. The council has also approved releasing some of its Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to acquire some plastic pedestrian safety barriers to protect those walking down Kilnwood to the pedestrian crossing in front of the school on the RAF base side from those drivers turning around or parking on the pavement.

The next few months will have us Councillors keeping busy. We are already thinking about next year's (2016/17) budget which we have to set in December of this year. Thank you for those that have already responded to our article last month requesting any applications from local charities and good causes for grants, loans or donations. There are also some long term council projects that we need to start to plan for. The expansion of our Garden of Rest at Four Ashes is one of these.

Your Parish Councillors

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Chris Waterton & Peter Williams*

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Naphill Scouts

Six new scouts have joined us this term which brings our numbers to 32. It is great to see the progression of the young lads in the village and surrounding areas as they move through Beavers into Cubs and then on up into Scouts.



During the summer the Scouts Association has decided to review and update the badge structure which has meant the leaders have been having to do their own homework to understand the changes and build our programs around the new badges. There is a new emphasis on team work and leadership running through the

badges so we will be encouraging the scouts to work more in teams and for the older boys to take an even more active role in leading our scout activities.

One of the immediate impacts on our program is the demise of our much loved Camp Cook badge. This has been replaced with a much more up market Chef badge.

Mark Powell

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Naphill & Walter's Ash School Report

Here we go again, another year at Naphill & Walters Ash School. We are here and ready to learn. As usual we have new faces at our school including the new teachers: Mrs Wallace, Mrs Rowe, Mrs Hall, Mr Bhardwaj and Mrs Green.

We asked our head teacher, Miss Gwynn, for some kind words. We asked her what she likes about the new school year. She said that she likes the fact that we have lots of new students and teachers that have joined us. She also likes everything fresh and new. After that we asked her what she is looking forward to and she said she is hoping to get some new ICT equipment and rearrange the classrooms.

Another good thing is that we have elected the new JLT (junior leadership team), buddies, JRSO's (junior road safety officer), and us; the Gazette reporters. The JLT have many different jobs such as counting the house points and fundraising for Charities. A JRSO's job is to try to get more children to walk to school. We have also chosen our new head boy and girl; Matthew Creaser and Alexandra Stowers.



Recently our Y6s hosted the District Cup football tournament. We lost two games and won one. The netball girls and football boys are going to a tournament on Wednesday 15 October.

In our assemblies this term we have been listening to national anthems of all the teams in the Rugby World Cup. Unfortunately, we had selected to play the Australian anthem the week after they beat England. It was painful to listen to.

Year 6's have recently been informed that they will be going on a school residential trip to Rhos Y Gwaliau. We are all very excited about this trip because we will get to go gorge walking, canoeing, orienteering, mine exploring, low ropes and more. So here's to the new school year!

*Jessica Saunders
Daniel Crinyion
Theo Reid-Cain*

Naphill & Walter's Ash School Reporters

Editorial Comment: *Welcome to our new year 6 school reporters. We will look forward to your regular reports. If we could please have a photograph of you for our next edition I should be grateful.*

A Letter From Our Methodist Minister

Dear Friends

In mid October we had lost our tortoise. Even on a warm summer's day she is not athletic enough to jump out of the pen, or even heave herself over the top. So after a bit head-scratching and searching, we found some disturbed soil, and we knew she had dug herself in for the winter. We could leave her there I suppose, but a heavy Chilterns frost might just penetrate that far, or more seriously our enthusiastic small grandchildren may decide to dig for treasure. Currently X marks the spot, and when I've collected sufficient dry leaves, I'll dig her up and put her safely in a box in the garage.

Mid-October is early for her to hibernate. This Autumn has been quite chilly, and she's given up hope of any more nice warm days. For us cossetted centrally-heated creatures there is no need of hibernation: Maybe we'll spend less time in the garden and more time in front of the television, but we ought to take Winter in our stride.

By the time you read this, the clocks will be turned back, and the evenings definitely dark. It seems little compensation that the mornings will be lighter!

No wonder this is a time of year for remembering and looking back. We recall serious events on Remembrance Sunday. In more boisterous style we remember the serious attempt to blow up Parliament. At Halloween we let our imaginations run riot about life and death and hereafter.

Perhaps there is something instinctive that has brought these celebrations or commemorations to

a season when all becomes colder and darker, less friendly and more sombre.

Yet in all these things there is always the glimmer of hope: that peace may prevail over war; that law and order continues to struggle against anarchy; that death shall not be the end; that evil ultimately is conquered.

My faith as a Christian holds to the Kingdom of Heaven here and now, as well as in eternity. Sometimes it is but a glimmer, and some will say they cannot see it, but for those who have the eyes to see and the heart to feel, there is always hope, there is always some good to be found, even in darkening days. Spring will come: warmth will emerge; and so will our tortoise.

May you remember in November, take Winter in your stride, and enjoy your blessings!

Mike Hill

Minister for Naphill Methodist Church

Christians in the Community

By the time this Gazette is printed we will hopefully have held a very successful Traidcraft tea and coffee morning which I will tell you about in the December edition of the magazine.

As in previous years, we will be carol singing in the five local pubs. This event will be held over two evenings. The dates are still to be confirmed but they will be either Tuesday 15 December, Wednesday 16 December or Thursday 17 December. Please check the local publications nearer to the time for confirmation of the exact dates.

On Sunday 20 December at 4pm there will be our traditional Carols by Candlelight at the Village Hall. Even if you have never been to church, or if you attend church regularly, we look forward to welcoming you to this special Christmas service. This year the Carols by Candlelight will be different from other years, there will still be candles around the hall, a live band and mulled wine etc. but!!! **something new and different as well!** So be sure to come and see on **Sunday 20 December at 4pm**

Norma Clarke

Services at St. Botolph's Church

1 November	11.00am	Eucharist
8 November	10.50am	Remembrance Service
15 November	11.00am	Eucharist
22 November	11.00am	Matins
29 November	11.00am	Eucharist

Peggy Ewart

GRAND FIREWORKS DISPLAY

NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2015
ON THE CRICK

Fire lighting at 6pm, display from 7pm

Tickets: Adults £5.50 before the day £7 on the day
Children £1.50 before the day
£2 on the day (under 5's FREE)

BAR, BARBECUE & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

PLEASE DO NOT BRING SPARKLERS ETC. TO THE EVENT

23rd Annual Naphill Fireworks & Bonfire

As I announced in last month's Gazette this year's fireworks display will be held on Saturday 7 November.

The bonfire area was fenced off on 24 October. The site will be open for you to bring your own wood for the bonfire on Saturday 31 October before the event but it will be closed on other days to enable us to control the amount and type of wood and where it is put. We can only accept pallets and timber. Fir trees and other green wood cannot be accepted as it lengthens the time to burn and there is a risk of too much smoke which with a slight wind can be unpleasant on the night as well as increasing the danger of hot ash in the eye. This worked well last year so hopefully it will be successful again this year.

Any commercial organisation should give me a call to arrange an appointment to deposit their timber.

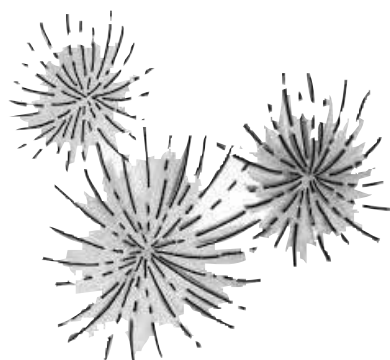
Tickets for the event are now available at reduced prices up to close of business on Friday 6 November at the usual shops and pubs. . Please remember that the shops and pubs cannot accept credit card payments for the tickets as they do not make any money out of selling them. It is all done for the good of the community. We have put up the price of adult tickets purchased prior to the event by 50p - they have been £5 since 2009. The child price has remained the same since 1999! All other ticket prices are the same as last year.

As ever we need a large number of volunteers to help us run the event so if you can help please let me know.

Please remember not to bring sparklers or other fireworks to the event as we will not let you in. Also please do NOT bring dogs or other pets to the event. I would also ask Vincent's Way residents not to access the Crick by their back gates.

We hope you come and join this highly enjoyable event and have a good time.

Andrew Wilmot
Chairman – Fireworks Committee
Tel: 562770



Shear Madness



This month marks the first anniversary of our delightful and wonderful Lynn's passing and so this month my article is dedicated to each and every one of you within our community who have been absolutely brilliant through this tragic time.

Your support and kindness, your kind words, the flowers placed outside the shop and the hugs, even though I don't do hugs, ha! ha! The chocolates and Jaffa cakes, from customers and non customers, i.e. THE COMMUNITY !! You have done so much to keep me going and I feel so privileged to be a part of it all and will be for many years to come.

Since Lynn's death there have been various fundraising efforts, bike rides, charity runs and the tins in the shop which have raised nearly £2,500 for Florence Nightingale Hospice

A special thank you to you all!

Mandy

Bon Ami

Now it is so much colder and the clocks have 'gone back' soup is the favourite choice for our customers. We have a homemade soup on our menu every day. Our most popular, at the moment, is our Minestrone which contains more than your '5 a day' vegetables in each serving. Leek & potato and Pea & smoked ham are regular requests too.

Our chocolate parties have really taken off again since our summer break. Chocolatier, Cath, is ensuring that each party is themed for the season. We have had popping candy for Halloween and edible sparklers for Guy Fawkes! The Christmas chocolate parties are a great idea as they are fun and can be an ideal opportunity for you to create some Christmas gifts. If you would like to book

places then please either call into Bon Ami or contact Amanda or Ruth. We have lots of bags of dipped honeycomb and edible sparklers for sale.

Our Macmillan coffee morning was a great success. Thank you to all of our customers who came in; drank hot drinks, bought cakes and raffle tickets for such a worthwhile cause. Our total raised throughout the day was. **£457.44**

We are in the process of negotiating with 'Christmas Common Preserves' to sell Fiona's wonderful jams, jellies and chutneys. They are delicious and make great presents – current favourites are: Wild plum & apple jam, mulled wine and red apple jelly and ale, apple & mustard chutney.

We have also registered Bon Ami as a Book Crossing Site. It is a way of recycling books that you have read and love by passing them onto others. We will give you more information when it's up and running.

As well as soup we still have our range of coffees, teas and soft drinks, paninis, sandwiches and cakes available. We look forward to seeing you soon for whatever takes your fancy!

Best wishes,
Amanda & Ruth.

Remembrance Day Service



Naphill Village Hall, 8th November 2015, commencing sharp at 2.45 pm.

This year the Service will be conducted by the Reverend Squadron Leader Mike Hall RAF Station Chaplain.

This Service gives us all the chance to express our gratitude to the armed forces who continue to put their lives at risk to ensure our safety and freedom. This special year of Remembrance for all those men and women who gave their lives in the two world wars and the subsequent and more recent battles. "We will remember them".

For any further information please contact Richard Pushman 01494 564152

A collage of various autumn mushrooms growing in a forest floor covered with fallen leaves. The top section features several large mushrooms with gills and a textured, almost scaly appearance, growing on a bed of brown leaves. The middle section shows a cluster of smaller mushrooms with smooth, light-colored caps and stems, growing on a mossy surface. The bottom section displays a variety of mushrooms, including a large one with a reddish-brown cap and white spots, and several smaller ones with dark caps and light stems, all growing on a bed of fallen leaves.

Autumn Fungi



Ladyhorse Pond Before



Small Pond Before



Willow Pond Before

Friends of Naphill Common

Our pond project went better than expected, mainly because the Chiltern Rangers turned up in force. In the afternoon they brought some keen and lively young men from the Grammar School and in the evening we were helped by a host of Brownies who were just as keen and even more lively. Many thanks to both groups. With their help we cleared scrub from around Shipwash, Small, Willow and Lady Horse Ponds – far more than we expected – our estimate is that the work carried out would have occupied our regular working parties (10:00am on first and third Sundays of each month – see our web site naphillcommon.org.uk for details) for five months! We also managed to dredge some debris and weed out of the ponds and increase the area of open water. We stacked the debris (mainly leaf-mould) around the edge of the ponds so that whatever fauna it contained could make its way back into the water.

By the time this appears we also hope to have planted out some of the juniper cuttings taken, originally, from the four surviving junipers. The plan is to plant them in groups of three, two males and a female. We will keep a few back in case we lose some. They will be protected by chicken wire to prevent deer, squirrels and rabbits from attacking them, and we hope no Homo Sapiens will be tempted to do so.

How well the junipers will fare is not easy to judge. The books all tell us that junipers like a chalky soil and the Common is thick clay, but, since a hundred years ago it was described as a juniper forest, perhaps this particular strain is adapted to clay. Junipers also need plenty of sunshine so we have chosen sites where there is a maximum exposure, but nowhere on the Common is quite like the open grassland they most prefer. Perhaps the least good feature of the sites is the shelter of nearby trees. Juniper seeds need prolonged exposure to frost or, at least to 5°C according to Naphill's own Dr Chris Smith (1980 Ecology of the English Chalk, p. 336) and those conditions are rare in woodland, so the chances of offspring are not good. You might ask why we have persisted with this project given all these obstacles, but juniper is in retreat all over Southern England, including the open sites. Naphill was once a stronghold, so we hope we can make a small contribution to their survival.

The issue of children's "camps" or "dens" has arisen once more. Obviously it is excellent that young people enjoy the Common and building camps is almost inevitably part of that enjoyment. However, there are two main problems. The first is rubbish. The camps become dumping areas for plastic, glass, tins, bottles etc., and this becomes a danger to people and animals, as well as an eyesore which has to be cleared up. In most cases, some attempts have been made to keep the camp area clean by collecting rubbish into plastic bags, showing that hearts and minds are in the right place, but this process has not been completed by removal of the detritus.

The second problem is damage to trees. Some dens comprise elaborate structures created by banging nails in trees, sawing off branches and so on. We plead with our youngsters to enjoy the Common but in a "green" way, doing as little damage as possible. (As the Common is an SSSI Grade one and a Special Conservation Area, children, or rather their parents, commit an offence if damage is done. This also applies to the dumping of garden and other rubbish, presumably by adults.)

Future Events

Chris Miller leads the short walks (2-3 miles) starting at 10.30am from the Village hall on the first Wednesday of each month (4th Nov., 2nd Dec.). Ron Collins leads the longer walks (about 5 miles) on the third Monday of each month (16th Nov. and 21st Dec.). Meet at the Village Hall at 9.25am for a start at 9:30am sharp. Please join in – they are free and you don't have to be a member. It is intended that the walks will continue next year.

To keep up to date with all events and activities, as well as other news of the common, follow us on Twitter: @NaphillCommon.

Chris Miller
Chairman



The Ponds After Clearing





Mum Goes to Forest School

As I put another pair of socks on, I wonder if I will be warm enough? After all, it is October and this is my first Forest School of the academic year with the new Walters Ash and Naphill School reception class.

The day is dry and bright but cold so I dig out my gloves and scarf. My own children attend the school so this is a great opportunity to share their Forest School experiences. The school reception office was buzzing! Gone was the silence of my childhood times. Fifteen coat wrapped rising 5 year olds join me clutching their wellies and eager to be on their way.

A request for adult support with the Forest School came home in a letter and I was happy to help. To me this is not a chore but rather another opportunity to share my own love of the outdoors. So, with current council checks and certification, I am now a regular part of the Forest School.

Suitably clothed and booted we set off with our charges. Before we get to the designated woodland the group must cross Main Road. As anyone who has been responsible for the safety of other lives will know, all senses are alert! This is the first time the class had been on a journey together beyond the school gates. The crocodile of hand holding pairs of children walk and talk into the woods. We stop near the entrance and chant the rules of Forest School before walking further into the woods. As we walk we are looking, speaking and listening about our surroundings, the autumn colours, the smells and the other interesting things we can see, berries, mushrooms, toadstools and other fungi. Soon we reach the "Hello Tree", whisper our names and make our way to the log circle.

For the reception year, learning respect for the world in which we live is important. This is encouraged in a fun way. We played hide and seek and the children had fun exploring, getting muddy and collecting bits and pieces. The simplest of things became part of the adventure. I joined a little girl and had a turn at painting on a tree with a brush and cup of mud whilst close by, a group of boys were enjoying themselves jumping off a log into mud.

Soon it was time to regroup back at the log circle and to reflect on what we had enjoyed best. It was amazing listening to these tiny people who had so enjoyed this new school experience. I was especially moved by one little girl who when asked what she had enjoyed most replied that she had found a new friend, not the regular reply from the other children.

The time was over all too quickly, so back into pairs, goodbye to the "Hello Tree" and the slightly slower walk back to school, all talking about their new experiences and also what they will be having for lunch! Safely back, muddy overalls, coats and boots off, well washed hands ready for dinnertime. I say my farewells till the next meeting and yes, I did keep my gloves and scarf on!!

Beth Foster



Oh What a
Wonderful World!



Naphill Christmas Gift Fayre



**Saturday 5th December
In the Village Hall**

Doors open 1.00 p.m



The revamped Naphill Christmas Gift Fayre is rapidly taking shape so put this date in your diary now to ensure you don't miss out on a fun and festive afternoon.

Gift stalls will include Belgian Chocolates from Something Chocolatey, Handmade Soy wax candles from By Candlelight, Forever Living Aloe Vera products, Handmade cards, Christmas decorations, assorted crafts plus much much more.....

Grand Raffle

Refreshments



Tombolas



Cake Raffle



Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

A New to Area Business Introduction

Hello, my name is Emily Bailey and I am your new, local Travel Counsellor. I have recently moved to Walters Ash and would like to introduce myself to you.

I'm passionate about creating perfect holidays. It can be incredibly time consuming searching for that one holiday which ticks all your boxes – but with Travel Counsellors, it doesn't have to be. I've got years of experience in the travel industry and by taking the time to get to know what you're looking for in the perfect holiday, I am able to bring your travel dreams to life. I have access to many exclusive offers and hundreds of great suppliers to ensure I can create your perfect holiday.

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I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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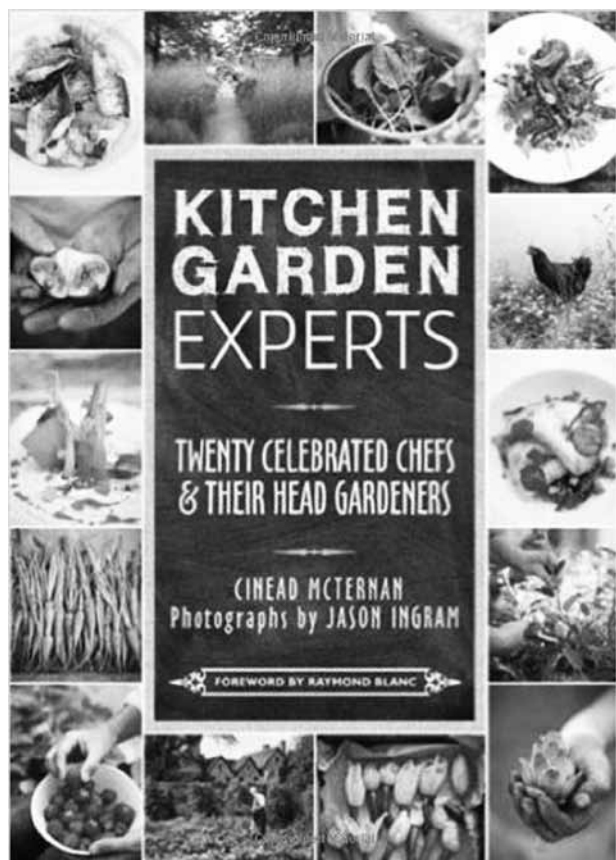


BOOGIE NIGHTS

Boogie Nights Xmas Party
Come down to Naphill
Village Hall
Friday 11th December
and dance
the night away to all those
greatest hits
from the 70's/80's/90's.
£8 entrance including
Free Cosmopolitan Cocktail
Contact
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for tickets.

BOOK REVIEW – “KITCHEN GARDEN EXPERTS”

Author: Cinead McTernan, Photographer: Jason Ingram. Published by Frances Lincoln Ltd in 2014. ISBN: 978-0-7112-3496-3. Foreword by Raymond Blanc. Price: £12.11 on Amazon, including delivery.



This is a most amazing and delightful book which will appeal to two separate audiences. Twenty celebrated chefs divulge some of their secret recipes. Twenty head gardeners divulge some of their secrets of how to cultivate fruit and vegetables. The chefs are located in 20 top restaurants in England, Scotland and Wales. A quote from the book is: “it appears that these chefs have thrown away the rule book – with truly exciting results”. I have a bright idea – the next time you win the National Lottery go on a gastronomic tour of these 20 restaurants and sample their wares. It would be a once-in-a-lifetime unforgettable experience. Usually two recipes are given by each chef so be sure to ask for those as well as other gourmet dishes. Weigh yourself before and after the tour and blame the chefs for the increase in weight!

Whilst you are waiting to win the lottery you could try out the recipes in the safety of your own kitchen. Such as “Assiette Anne-Marie” from Raymond Blanc of “Le Manoir aux Quat’Saisons” who has also provided a foreword to the book. Each restaurant is described and the grower and chef are given a personal profile. The book has an author, Cinead McTernan, but equal prominence is given to the photographer Jason Ingram who has visited the 20 kitchen gardens and restaurants and taken the most delightful shots of gardens, restaurants, vegetables, the dish on the plate and more. Indeed, it is the photographs which make

this a very good book for the coffee table.

But what I personally like the most about the book is the grower’s “Kitchen Garden Secrets”. I am always looking out for good ideas for growing fruit and vegetables, and this book has growing tips in spades. I carefully noted down no less than 52 tips to improve my gardening methods and gardening knowledge. Some of the vegetables were new to me, so I must try out Oca (a tuber from South America), Achocha (from South America), Cima di Rapa (a form of broccoli from Italy), Brakali Apollo (a Chinese broccoli), Broccolini (a hybrid of sprouting broccoli and Chinese Kai-lan broccoli), Telephone (an early summer pea from Italy), Cavalo Nero (a broccoli from Italy to be eaten after it has bolted and just before it flowers), Chervil root, Agretti (“beard of the monk” or “saltwort” which is like samphire), Red Orach, Akajiso and Shiso (Japanese varieties of Perilla), Golden Frills (a Chinese heritage mustard green) and many more. Several tips were new to me, such as: picking pears before they are ripe and leaving them in a cool dry store to develop; do not pre-water drills for radishes in order to encourage longer roots; wait until weed seeds germinate before sowing seeds outdoors; wild rocket is a perennial as are chillies; Fat Hen (a problem weed I have) is better than cultivated spinach; tie in the first side shoot of tomato plants to produce two productive plants and, finally, cut back parsley at the end of the season then grow it in pots in the greenhouse. What a wealth of advice! What a treasure of a book!

The author and the photographer have done very well and they have been greatly helped by the publisher who has provided excellent support. The book is highly recommended for food-lovers and growers. An ideal present for friends and family – and for yourself!

Mike Mason

Pony Espresso

Pony Espresso is 3 this month! Happy Birthday to us! Thank you to all our customers for making us a success.

Just in time for the cold weather, we have Hot Roast Pork and Apple Sauce baguettes back on the menu. We are also now serving porridge as a healthy option breakfast, topped with blueberries or banana and honey. Sadly not my honey as my feral colony of bees left home. I hope they’re happy wherever they are and not stinging any unfortunate passer-bys. Instead of more bees, I’ve restocked my chicken run with two lovely hens after the last lot were taken by a fox, called Dot and NotDot (one is dotty and one isn’t) but unless they produce 180 eggs a week, they won’t be on the menu. Nor will the eggs!

As well as our freshly baked baguettes, we serve Jacket Potatoes, homemade soup and delicious salads. Come and try us if you haven’t already.

And of course there are the cakes.....!

Happy Eating!
Blaine

Black Lion

As we put together this month's Gazette article we are still catching glimpses of sunshine. However, it's starting to get very cold in the evenings, so why not come and see us for a heart warming meal and let our roaring log burner toast you right through!!

Just a quick reminder about our fancy dress Halloween party on the 31st of October. We have DJ Sean Salter starting at 6 o'clock for a kid's disco and then playing right through until 12. There will be face painting, a pumpkin carving competition and a fancy dress competition with prizes for the winners. We will be providing a buffet and sweets for every customer and Trick or Treaters! All of this is £5 for adults and £3 for children, we hope to see you there.

We would like to say a big thank you to all of our generous customers who have donated their loose change into a charity bottle on the bar. Half of the money raised has gone to Naphill FC 5 and 6 year olds to help pay for new goals. The other half of the money has gone to Lacey Green FC men's team to pay towards new training balls and match balls. So thank you again for your generosity as I know it is hugely appreciated by both teams.

On Saturday 7th November it will be Naphill and Walters Ash Bonfire night and firework display. You can buy your tickets at the bar! This is a fantastic evening and it will be the 23rd year this event has been running so massive congratulations to everybody on the committee and those who have helped organise this wonderful event as so much hard work and effort is put in. Well done to you all!!!

Moving on to Christmas our menu is now available! So please ring, email or pop in to see us to collect a menu and book a table. You can either choose a traditional Christmas meal or try something new with our Lemon and Herb crusted Cod Loin or for dessert a Salted Caramel Crème Brûlée. Just a few new meals to get your mouths watering. Please book with us as soon as you can to arrange your preferred time and date.

Thank you for your continued custom and support we hope to see you all again soon.

Jack and the team

The Wheel

Remember, remember it's the start of November! I personally can't believe the year is coming to a close already, with the dark nights and the cold evenings, you just know we've hit winter. The two log fires will be lit to keep the cold at bay.

Well, I'd like to start this month's article by commenting on the unpredictable Rugby World Cup 2015! It was a shame that England didn't get through the pool stages, but hasn't the tournament been intriguing! Thank you to all, for coming in your glorious team shirts, packing the pub out and for enjoying a good old game of rugby together! The

atmosphere in here on all the game days has been fabulous and I am amazed I still have a voice after shouting chosen words of encouragement at the TV (I guess the boys didn't hear me)!

Over the past month, we have been selling Bonfire Night tickets for the brilliant display on the crick on the 7th November. For anyone who thinks it's "Safe" and "Free" to watch the display from our car park or front garden, just a little reminder that we will be asking for donations or to see your ticket as it is a charity event for the Village. Let's keep everything crossed for a clear and gentle night. I may not see a single firework, but I am always thankful for this wonderful display, good luck to the Firework Committee!

Chef has been working hard over the past few months in preparation for our ever popular Food Evenings. The curry night was certainly enjoyed by many back in late September, and Bangers and Mash night equally did as well. We have welcomed a new team member to our kitchen, Rhys Davies has now started as our new KP and Tom will be moving on to the bar. Good luck to you both and welcome to the team Rhys. Our next evening will be Game Food Night Saturday 21st November! Booking is strongly advised - we still have some space left, so do pop in or give us a call for a table. So what else is coming up.

- 7th November - Bonfire Night
- 21st November - Game Food Night
- December - Just Christmas!!
- 16th January - Game Food Night

So, December is just around the corner, and that means only one thing... Christmas! We have had lots of bookings already, so if there's a specific date you want please call soon, as our fabulous four course Christmas meal is definitely proving to be a winner. If you would like a menu and booking form please pop in or give me a call. As a reminder we have gift cards available for you to purchase if you are stuck for Secret Santa/Stocking Presents or short for time (£5, £10 or £20)!

As always thank you for your ongoing support and we will see you soon.

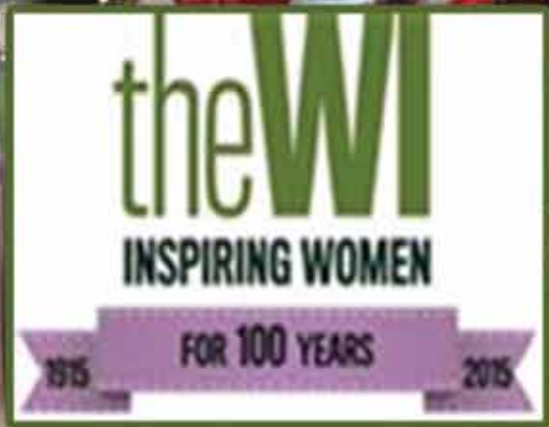
Claire and Mark

An Over Hanging Tree on the Crick

My elderly mother is concerned about the huge ash tree on the Crick that over hangs her back garden at 3 Vincents Way. This tree is approximately 90' tall and has a branch which is around 5' from touching the ground. The tree is grossly overgrown and is a danger to my mother's property as well as to the public who use the Crick.

To date we have had several replies to our correspondence on this matter promising that this problem will be addressed but nothing has been done. I hope that this message in the Gazette will prompt some action please.

Erica Sams




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The NWFI Board of Trustees invites
Mrs June Shyllis Lynch
to the
WI Centenary Garden Party
by graceful permission of Her Majesty The Queen
hosted by
Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall
at Buckingham Palace
on Tuesday 2 June 2015 from 2pm to 5pm

The invitation does not admit



Naphill Evening W.I.

It doesn't seem possible that the WI Centenary Year is nearly over. We have had a Garden Party at Waddesdon Manor, a Baton has toured the country and arrived in Wycombe on a motorbike, one member of every institute in the country was invited to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. So many wonderful events, with a few still to come. The Chairman of Buckinghamshire County Council is holding a reception on 25 November to celebrate our 100th Anniversary and there will be a Vintage Tea in Amersham on 30 November. I for one hope to attend both.

The Food Group are hosting a coffee morning at World's End on 17 November and their Christmas Lunch will be on 8 December. As usual, food features quite a lot in our events. The Craft Group plan to start making Christmas Garlands when we meet up again.

Our speaker for the November meeting will talk about 'Swinging London in the 1960s' and the competition is for a fashion item of the 60s.

WI is definitely more than just 'Jam and Jerusalem'.

Carol Gilliam.

Naphill Neighbours

The sun is shining in an almost clear blue sky as I write this but the air is chilly and with the evenings drawing in and summer almost forgotten, thoughts are now turning to Christmas!

Our next club meeting is on Monday 9 November when Catherine Grigg, who works at Wycombe Museum, will be giving an illustrated talk on A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS.

Just a reminder for members that money will be taken for our Christmas dinner – so please bring along your cheque books.

Another reminder – we will be holding our usual Tombola stall at the village Christmas Fayre on Saturday 5 December, so please bring along your donations of, preferably, bottles and cans (though any other small gifts would be most welcome) to our November meeting.

Hazel Vickery
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Naphill Tennis Club

Autumn is here but there's no let up on the tennis front!

Our Men's Doubles Team are looking forward to playing in the Aylesbury (Winter) League. Last winter, they only lost one match and as a result went up a Division. In the Aylesbury (Summer) League 2015, they finished a respectable mid-table.

Also played during the summer are the Bucks Shield matches. Our team finished level on points for 2nd spot and promotion but were beaten into 3rd place on game count back by the semi-pro Halton Club – a very creditable performance considering the size of clubs! Thanks go to the cheerleading club members who have supported the home team from the sidelines.

Our Ladies Team also enjoyed their summer of tennis playing good competitive matches against other clubs.

Naphill is always looking for competitive but friendly players who would be interested in joining one of our teams or, if you are a little out of practice, come along and join us on a Sunday afternoon at our regular club session. We continue to play throughout the year – weather permitting. Don't forget to visit us at www.naphilltennisclub.org.uk.

Jenny Tench

Naphill Brownies

Firstly, may I offer a big thank you to all who saved up their jumble, offered their help and came and spent their money at our recent Jumble Sale? We had a most successful day and will now be able to afford our annual subscriptions to Girl Guiding without having to dip in to the subs, which pay for our weekly activities and crafts.

In recent weeks the Rugby World Cup has captured the nation's attention, and the brownies recognized this world event with a teamwork evening involving some tricky team challenges and a nice loud rendition of 'Swing Low Sweet Chariot'

The start of October saw the brownies joining up with the Chiltern Rangers and members of FONC on a glorious autumn evening to do some restoration work at Lady Horse pond. Armed with some scary-looking loppers and well-directed safety advice the brownies set to work with enthusiasm. The evening was a resounding success as far as we were concerned. I hope that the Chiltern Rangers and FONC feel the same. We would love to do it again in the future.....please!

Changing the mood completely, last week, we headed off on a musical note. It was not entirely conventional music, but great fun. We made up new verses to songs ('The Quartermaster's Stores' – I'm sure all ex-Scouts & Guides will know it), played some surprisingly recognisable tunes on our homemade instruments and had a bit of a music quiz.

This week we venture into the world of science..... wish us luck!

Brown Owl (Ruth Daly)
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Small Ads - continued

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The Last Word

The Gazette prints ten issues each year. There are always two combined editions. After discussion with my gallant Gussetteers we have decided that we will continue with December/January and August/September as combined editions in 2016. Most of our contributors, not to mention your editor, enjoyed the break in August! This is very much a case of only being able to please some of the people some of the time but overall, this was popular with the majority and my apologies to the minority.

Several of our advertisers have updated their advertisements this month so please take a look and support them whenever you can. We have held our advertising fees at the same level for many years. Over the past few years the Gazette has developed and grown and so our costs have increased. Next month Mike Pool, our treasurer, will be announcing a small rise in our advertising fees and the timescale for renewing advertisements.

Richard Holroyd, our assistant editor and resident photographer, regularly asks that we take photographs when we see them so we can store them for when they are needed. Hence this month I did have a photograph of the village war memorial, decked with poppies, ready to share with you in the November issue. By the same token, please dig out your Christmas photographs; they are in short supply in mid November for our Christmas edition this year.

My thanks as always to all our contributors, to Richard for our seasonal cover and to all the mums and dads who sent me photographs of their children for my 'children on the common' collages. My thanks to Peter Davis, Himself and the W.I. for the photographs for the other collages.

I look forward to receiving all your items and Christmas greetings for the December/January Gazette on or before 15 November please.

Sonia

Post it Board

**Remembrance
Sunday Service**
8 Nov. 2.45pm
Naphill Village
Hall

**Tennis Club
Barn Dance**
27 Nov.
Village Hall

Wheel
21st November -
Game Food Night
16th January -
Game Food Night

**Carols by
Candlelight** 20
December Village
Hall

**School
Parents' Open
Meetings**
11 Nov 9.15am

**Fireworks
on the Crick**
Sat. 7 Nov.
6pm

**Black Lion
Halloween
Party Night
Dico & Fancy
Dress**
Saturday
31 October

Christmas Fayre
5 December
Village Hall

**Hughenden
Parish Council**
Tuesday 10th
November Full
Council meeting
8pm-10pm,
Great Kingshill
Offices

**FONC
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4 November
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Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
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Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30-11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Walter's Ash	
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	Wednesdays 3.45-6.15pm		
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Good Companions	First Thursday every month	Hughenden Village Hall	Sheila Veysey 562332
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7-8.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays 8-9pm	Naphill Village Hall	Cathryn Carter 563233 naphillhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
Jujitsu	Monday Evening	RAF Walter's Ash	Holly 07957 727054
Line Dancing	Tuesdays 8-9.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah 718595
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wilmot 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile Library	Wednesday 10.55-11.30am 11.35 -11.55am 12.05 -12..20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month 7.45 for 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Naphill Women's Fellowship	Wednesday afternoons 2pm	Methodist Church	Betty Jones 564469
Pilates - Niki Gibbs	Mondays 9.30 and 10.30am	Naphill Village Hall	Niki Gibbs 07949 164613
	Wednesdays 7.30pm		
	Thursdays 5.45pm		
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30 -9.15pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillscouts@aol.com
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1, until 2pm	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Tennis Club Senior Sessions Junior Coaching - Summer school term-only	Sundays 1.30pm	Naphill Tennis Club	David Fletcher 532195 david @tvemf.org Sarah Dengel 563706 sarah.dengel1@gmail.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com
	Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am		
	Wednesdays 9.30am		
	Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.00pm		
	Fridays 4.15-7.30pm Saturday 9-9.45am under 7s		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8.00-10.00pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sarah Bacon 563479
Viper Explorer Scouts	Fridays 7.30-9.30pm	Scouts & Guide Hut Naphill	Richard Adams 07782 328148 richard@dams.me.uk
Yoga Stretch and Tone	Tuesdays 1.30-2.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Mill Pike 463643
WI	3rd Thursday in month 7.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sally Woodbridge 562281

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Editorial

Just at this moment, with the horrifying news from Paris, Christmas and New Year celebrations do not seem appropriate but hopefully, by the time you read this, the world will be a calmer place and we will all be feeling more positive and planning for happier times.

Our village firework display was as spectacular as always, another truly fabulous village event. Himself, Gary and Tom Britton attended and I am delighted to share some of their photographs with you. My thanks once again, to the Fireworks team for all their hard work and organisational skills!

This is the time of year when there are so many village events to look forward to including the Christmas Fayre, on Saturday 5 December, and Carols by Candlelight on 20 December, both worthy of our support!

For me Christmas starts when our village Christmas tree is illuminated! This is the 40th year that Mike Mason and his valiant team have undertaken this task and my thanks to them. There will be collection tins around the village where we will be able to make our contributions towards the costs involved.

Our village events remind me just what village life is about. It has to be people caring and sharing and giving of their time and talents for the rest of us, but how do

our children learn this? Of course, by example, from family, friends, school and the community. I recently appealed for Christmas photographs to share with you in this magazine. I received a lovely story and photographs about one family's way of helping their young daughter to understand that Christmas is about giving and helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves, which I hope you will enjoy. My thanks to them for this contribution.

Christmas is a time for family, friends and children and it is of course steeped in tradition although some of these have possibly become rather less labour intensive over the years. I have fondest memories of my Grandmother taking weeks to mix and steam the pudding, making and decorating the cake, preserving the fruit and vegetables and cleaning the house from top to bottom. Whilst some of you will still be busily doing these things it is likely to be with the aid of modern appliances and gadgetry or, as in my case, with the help of our supermarkets, technology and gadgetry. However we make our preparations, I hope that when Christmas arrives you all have a wonderful time and next year brings us all peace, good health and happiness.

Sonia Goby

Editor of the Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette

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*With Best Wishes for
Christmas and the New Year
from
The Naphill and Walter's Ash
Gussetteers*

Richard Hobbs
Sonia
Mike Pool
Pauline Pool

Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council

The bookings for the hall are going well and the hall is very busy. The lettings diary for 2016 is now live and Tanya encourages you to get your bookings in promptly to avoid disappointment. She can be contacted on 563053 or by e-mail on naphillvillagehallbk@gmail.com. We are looking to get an on line booking and payment service set up to make the system simpler all round and more in line with current practices. Watch this space!

Most of our odd jobs have been completed so we are revising our strategic plan for improvements and developments to the hall. Let us know what you would like to see in the hall over the next few years and we will take in your ideas for consideration at the next meeting.

The ball wall is continuing to get a lot of use, which is great, but the grass around it is getting very worn and we are looking for advice as to how best to maintain this area. We have had a couple of quotes which have been very expensive so we are getting further quotes to see if there is any difference. Astroturfing the area is beyond our finances as it would need such a large area, but another solution could be the hexagonal matting that the grass can grow through.

We are also continuing our investigations into installing a defibrillator on the outside wall of the Hall. Grants are available for this through the British Heart Foundation and we have found a model that would meet our requirements. So - we have agreed to proceed with a grant application to the Heart Foundation and hope that we meet with their requirements.

I would like to thank the fireworks committee for yet another great display, the best ever. Well done, it is a great family occasion and the decision to make the bonfire from pallets that burn out quickly was a great one, meaning that the bonfire was out that night and not still smouldering on the following Wednesday as it has in the past.

The next event is the Christmas Fayre in the Hall on Saturday 5th December. Do come along and find some great gift ideas, and you may be the lucky winner of £100 in the Grand Draw.

Can I just finish by wishing you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a happy, healthy and maybe, wealthy 2016.

Sarah Bacon

Chairman Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council

Naphill Neighbours

As I write this we are all looking forward to the club's Christmas activities, beginning with our Tombola stall at the Village Hall Fayre on Saturday 5 December – so please come along and help us raise funds towards the upkeep of this fine facility.

Then on Sunday 13 December many of our members will be getting together with the Evening WI to go along to the Royal Albert Hall for the annual Christmas Carol Sing-along. The coach leaves the Village Hall at 11am for the 1pm performance.

Just one night's sleep and we meet again for our club's traditional Christmas dinner and entertainment on Monday 14 December. I'm sure I hardly need to remind our members and guests to arrive at the Village Hall between 6.30pm and 6.45pm. No earlier, please and no later!

A few more weeks of festivities before our club meeting on Monday 11 January 2016 when Mr John Tyler makes a welcome return visit to talk to us about VOLCANOS AND DRAGONS. Sounds intriguing! Our annual subscription of £15 will be due then – cheques, rather than cash would be appreciated.

The committee wishes all our members and friends a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Hazel Vickery
563977.

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning. 15/08086/TPO Ash Tree Rear of 3 Vincents Way, Recreation Ground, Main Road, Naphill. Weight reduction of 4/5 overextended limbs on T1 Ash by 3-4 metres, mainly over gardens of properties on Vincents Way. **15/08004/FUL.5 Moseley Road, Naphill.** Householder application for construction of part single storey, part two storey side extension, insertion of 2 x front dormer windows and 2 x rear roof lights in connection with loft conversion and associated alterations. **15/07934/CLP. 156 Templewood, Walters Ash.** Certificate of lawfulness for proposed insertion of 2 x front and 2 x rear roof lights in connection with loft conversion. **15/07883/FUL 256 Main Road, Naphill.** Erection of attached two storey 2-bed dwelling, widening of access & dropped kerb & creation of four parking spaces to front (2 spaces for use of 256 Main Road) (Comment: Some concerns over appearance and car parking). **15/07867/TPO. 160-163 Templewood, Walters Ash.** Crown lift to 3 metres Cherry 1098 to front of No.160 and reduce one branch close to house by approx 2-3 metres to provide clearance from house, footpath and parking bay, and remove dead wood; crown lift to 4 metres Cherry 1096 to front of No.162; fell Cherry Plum 1095 to front of 162 Templewood; remove one branch from Cherry Plum to front of No.163 to clear overhead phone line. **15/07857/FUL Aisling, Downley Road, Naphill** HA for construction of single storey rear extension. **15/07762/FUL. Beech View Cottage, Naphill Common.** HA for demolition of existing single storey garage/store outbuilding, construction of replacement single storey garage/store/garden room outbuilding and construction of single storey rear extension. **15/06959/MDS106. Hunts Hill Farm, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill.** Application to modify a section 52 agreement dated 30th October 1984 to discharge Part 1 of the Obligation (Strong objection to removal of agricultural occupancy condition).

Decisions.

Permissions. 15/07554/FUL 3 Braeside Naphill. HA to demolish existing rear conservatory & erection of single storey rear extension. **15/07341/FUL131 Templewood, Walters Ash** HA for construction of single storey rear extension. **15/07551/TPO. 75 Main Road Naphill** Reduce crown of Sycamore by 2.5 - 3

metres in height, and spread by 1.5 metres. **15/07486/TPO The Oak Tree, Louches Lane, Naphill.** T1 Oak: Crown reduction of up to 1.5m to give space to the neighbouring Copper beech and thinning of branches in contact with telephone lines. **15/07442/FUL Tall Trees, Louches Lane, Naphill.** HA for construction of first floor side extension, single storey rear extension and part garage conversion **15/07373/FUL. 32 Main Road Naphill.** HA for construction of single storey detached outbuilding in rear garden (retrospective). **15/06610/FUL Little Heysham, Naphill Common.** HA for construction of single storey side and rear extensions. Alterations to existing dormer windows to front and new dormer window to rear. Conversion to existing detached garage, to create workshop/gym, etc.

Parking at Night. We were asked to find the rules that apply to parking at night. Police say you must not park on a road at night facing against the direction of the traffic flow unless in a recognised parking space.

All vehicles must display **parking lights** when parked on a road or a lay-by on a road with a speed limit **greater than 30 mph (48 km/h).**

Cars, goods vehicles not exceeding 1525 kg unladen weight, invalid carriages, motorcycles and pedal cycles may be parked **without lights** on a road (or lay-by) with a speed limit of **30 mph (48 km/h)** or less if they are **(a) at least 10 metres (32 feet) away from any junction, close to the kerb and facing in the direction of the traffic flow** (b) in a recognised parking place or lay-by.

Other vehicles and trailers, and all vehicles with projecting loads, must not be left on a road at night without lights.

A very happy Christmas and New Year to all.

Date of next 2 meetings. 8pm Thursday 3rd December 2015 (Note change from regular date). 8pm Thursday 14th January 2016. Naphill Village Hall

Gloria Leflaive
01494 563634

Bradenham Parish Council

Bradenham Parish Council has been busy in the last few months.

Our District Councillor, Carl Etholen, has given us an update on the situation with the Molins site, the Task and Finish Group have published their report and it will have been discussed at Wycombe District Council cabinet meeting on 16 November: you can see the report and the cabinet decision on the Wycombe District Council web site www.wycombe.gov.uk.

The Parish Council discussed the possibility of a more permanent vehicle activated speed sign and it was decided to get more information (including cost) for the next meeting. The Parish Council Chairman is to appear before the House of Commons HS2 Select Committee on 17 November petitioning against the use of the A4010 as a construction route for the building of the HS2 railway line.

We have arranged a demonstration session on 21 November for the defibrillator installed in the phone box in Bradenham village during the summer, with a leaflet distributed to the majority of residents.

We now have a number of jobs we have requested the County Council to undertake, but they are not responding to the request. The latest announcement that they will postpone non-essential work is worrying.

Our new website is ready to be populated, the Councillors and the Clerk are in the process of doing this.

The continued fly tipping near the bottle bank in Walter's Ash was noted and will be taken up with the County Council along with the lack of replacement of removed bottle banks. The Council has started looking at the budget for the next financial year and will finalise at the January meeting.

Our next meeting will be Monday 11th January at 7.00pm at Bradenham Cricket Club. The meeting is open to the public.

The parish council wishes you all a Happy Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Deirdre Hansen
Clerk to the Council

clerk@bradenham.org.uk or tel: 01494-562254

Advertising in the Gazette

This magazine is always in great demand by advertisers and it is sometimes difficult to fit them all in.

The advertising year starts from the March issue, and there are ten copies produced and distributed in the year.

Because of increased printing costs we have had to make a small increase to the advertising rates but, we are sure our advertisers will agree, this still represents good value for money. Invoices have been sent to our current advertisers and payments are being made quite promptly.

The new rates are as follows:

- Full page colour - £625 (Back page taken year on year by JNP Partnership)
- Half page colour - £340
- Quarter page colour - £180
- Eighth page colour - £95
- Half page greyscale - £180
- Quarter page greyscale - £90
- Eighth page greyscale - £48

A few spaces might be available next year as some existing advertisers are not continuing so, if you wish to apply for a slot, please contact our editor, Sonia Goby.

The alternative to display adverts is the small ad column. Space is limited and we will have to consider restricting the number of lines/words next year. At the present time the rate for a small ad is £35 for the ten issues. Some consideration will be given to seasonal adverts with a reduced rate for 5 issues.

We sincerely hope that advertising in the Gazette will continue to be successful for all our advertisers.

Mike Pool
Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette Treasurer

A Letter from our Methodist Minister

My friend has just become a grandma for the seventh time. And it's just as special! Under normal circumstances a new baby is always wonderful good news.

Mary's baby at Bethlehem was supposed to be good news, not just for the family but for all people. Both Mary and Joseph understood that the baby was special, but the baby's miraculous conception surely left a lot of their respectable friends and family tut-tutting. And with no room at the inn, they must have doubted God's blessing. Yet the baby was born, and the amazing visits of shepherds and wise men perhaps reassured them. Soon they could return home and bring up their child like every other young couple. Or so they hoped.

King Herod lived in difficult political times. He was a puppet king with his strings pulled by Rome, and no shortage of men keen to replace him. Not surprisingly he was nervous of any claims to his throne. Rumour had it that a baby king had been born somewhere in Bethlehem, so he had all the baby boys under two years old slaughtered, just in case the rumour was true.

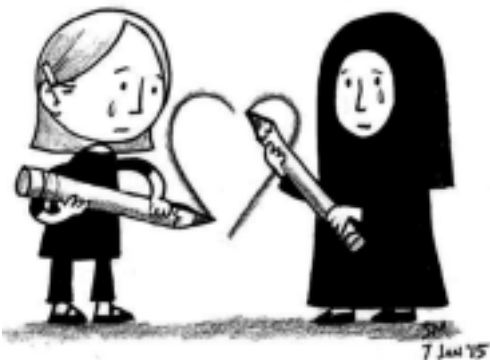
In fact the rumour was true, but he was too late: Joseph and Mary and the baby had fled as refugees to Egypt. That would be no consolation to the other distraught parents of Bethlehem.

Our children's nativity presentations rarely mention all this. We would sooner hear about a nice donkey, a kind innkeeper, and a warm stable, and then everybody on stage: shepherds, wise men, angels, ox and ass, to receive rapturous applause.

This is the cosy good news we enjoy hearing. The painful truth that God would come to this troubled world, as a helpless baby, and that his coming would begin so traumatically, and indeed end up so traumatically on a cross: this is a bit too serious for some people.

I'm writing these words a couple of days after the terrorist atrocities in Paris. The mood is sombre, fearful, suspicious, resolute, in varying proportions. Not what you'd want in this jolly festive season. Yet there is perhaps some resonance between the bereaved of Bethlehem and those of Paris: their loved ones slaughtered indiscriminately for misguided purposes.

I came across the drawing of two women weeping and trying to demonstrate love in their community. The drawing followed the Charlie Hebdo events of last January, but applies equally to Paris today. The weeping woman on the right represents the vast majority of Muslims who want no part in IS and its radicalised violence. But she strikes me as not dissimilar to our images of Mary, and could equally be one of the mothers of Bethlehem.



Into this difficult world Christ has come. I perceive that as good news, and especially good that he has not avoided the painful.

In the midst of the political and social turmoil, I hope you find some peace joy and love in your personal lives this Christmas, and I pray that the New Year will show improved relationships between people of all faiths and cultures, right across this world.

Mike Hill
(Minister of Naphill Methodist Church)

Greetings from the Curate of St. Botolph's

The festive season is once again upon us! For me, the clocks going back is a celebration as it signals the change of the seasons and heralds the approach of Christmas. We sometimes hear people say 'I don't know how we are going to afford Christmas this year.' For some, Christmas is a time of hardship and sorrow but why do we have to 'afford' it? At the heart of the festival is the birth of a baby born in a stable; one simple fact, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, became human in Bethlehem, 2000 years ago. We do not need to worry about not being able to afford Christmas. We can look to the heart of the festival named after God's Son – CHRISTmas; without Him at the centre, the celebration is empty.

Merry 'Mas everyone.
Rev. Jenny Ellis

Service times are as follows:

6 December	11.00am	Eucharist
13 December	10.50am	Eucharist
20 December	6.00pm	Carol Service
24 December	5.00pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass

Christians in the Community

With the Christmas period almost upon us I can confirm that we shall be carol singing in the White Lion Cryers Hill and the Wheel on Tuesday 15th December. On Thursday 17th December we shall be at the Harrow, Hughenden and the Black Lion. Come and join us – from about 8 pm.

Soon after you are reading this our Christmas cards with service times will be coming through your letter box.

On Sunday 20th December there will be the usual Carols by Candlelight in the Naphill Village Hall at 4pm. Mulled wine afterwards!!

I wish you all a peaceful and happy Christmas.

Norma Clarke





Christmas 2015
Happy Christmas Everybody!



Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights



Photograph courtesy of Peter Davis

By the time you read this, the Christmas tree outside the Village Hall should be lit up and brightening the dark winter evenings. I'm sure we all feel the stresses of the day fade away when we see the tree looking so wonderful on our way home.

However, even though the bulbs are LED and use less energy, the lights still use a lot of electricity, so we are asking you to dig deep to help cover the running costs and the all-important insurance for the intrepid team of volunteers, led by Mike Mason, who climb the tree each year to put the lights in place and take them down again in January- often facing everything the weather can throw at them.

If you would like to make a contribution, collecting tins are in all the local shops and both pubs, so please, donate what you can.

Enjoy the lights and have a very Happy Christmas!

Cathryn Carter

A Little Extra Piece of Christmas Tree Information!

This Christmas marks the 40th time in succession that Mike Mason and Mike Leggett have put up the Christmas Tree lights. They tell me, that if weather permits, the tree will be decorated with the lights on Saturday 28th November.

Mike Mason has managed this operation for 40 years and was the lead climber for the first 15 of those years. Mike Leggett has been a member of the team for many years and has been the lead climber for the past 25 years – quite an anniversary in itself.

The team putting up the lights nowadays comprises 15 people and 10 of these have helped for over 10 years each so we are very lucky to have such a very experienced team. My thanks to them all and more about this anniversary climb in the February Gazette!

Sonia

Naphill & Walter's Ash School

This half term we have welcomed many new faces here at Naphill School and they have begun to settle in nicely.

In assembly we have been learning about Guy Fawkes and firework safety because of Bonfire Night on the 5th November. We've also had an amazing visitor Mr Reilly, a published author, in school to tell us about story writing. He told us about all his books and read us samples of them. He then encouraged us to write some stories of our own, in the same sort of style as his own.

We recently interviewed the Junior Road Safety Officers who are Jonny Goddard, Maddie Jennings, Aaron Merry and Jenny Gauchan. We asked them if they enjoyed their job. They positively answered they do because they get to organise competitions and special days like our recent "Bling your scooter to school event" and making sure cars park safely. In the future they are organising a "Be Bright Be Seen day" which is a day when you come to school in luminous clothing and high visibility jackets.

Lastly, everyone took part in "Fantasy Friday" to raise money for Children in Need. Dinosaurs, gorillas, Smurfs and a wide range of other fantasy characters could be seen roaming the corridors for this worthwhile charity. Following a cake sale at the end of the day, we had raised over £600!

Now for Christmas!



Photo as supplied by school

Theo Reid -Cain, Daniel Crinyion and Jessica Saunders



Friends of Naphill Common

It has been a splendid autumn for colour and berries, and nowhere better than our common. The wider paths mean that it is easier to avoid the mud and our working parties are striving to improve further stretches, so walking on the Common should be even more enjoyable. You may get a glimpse of the goshawk that has arrived recently. Look out for a bird, very like a large sparrowhawk, often flying at treetop level with fairly slow wingbeats and long glides. You may have spotted the six junipers planted out on the Common. We chose the most open, sunlit spots we could find and, so far, they are doing well.

Our fungus foray was very successful. In fine weather it attracted 45 people including 12 from the Bucks Fungus Group. Fungi were not there in their usual abundance but despite this 76 species were identified by the experts. 18 of these were new to Naphill Common and one was new to Buckinghamshire. Walking down Ladies Mile (the side of the Common next to the houses) it was interesting to note that there were far more fungi on the old original turf than on the area of coarser grass where the huge sewer was put in over sixty years ago. We thank the BFG and their experts for the great service they give.



More and more people are joining our monthly walks. Chris Miller leads the short walks (2-3 miles) starting at 10.30am from the Village hall on the first Wednesday of each month. The next is on 2nd Dec. Ron Collins leads the longer walks (about 5 miles) on the third Monday of each month and the next is on 21st Dec. Meet at the Village Hall at 9.25am for a start at 9:30am sharp. Please join in – they are free and you don't have to be a member – but of course we would be delighted if you join. Similarly, you will be welcome at our working parties led by Peter Davis. There will be one on 22nd November and another on 6th December. Both walks and working parties will continue next year so for more details see the FONC website.

We are not yet sure where the next area of felling will be, but we are in contact with Wessex Woodland Management and will let you know when we find out. In the meantime we are continuing our survey to pick out trees and features that we want to protect. Even though the company has been careful so far there is a danger that heavy machinery could damage the numerous archaeological features on the Common. We will have

to clearly mark the trees and areas of archaeological significance before felling begins. If anyone has concerns about anything vulnerable, please let us know.

We hope that you will come to our AGM on 12th February 2016 at the Village Hall. There will be a famously brief time spent on business followed by a speaker (to be announced).

Chris Miller Chairman.

Bon Ami Coffee Shop

As it's December I think we're allowed to say – It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. The cake cabinet is groaning under the weight of Christmas cake and Amanda's Mum's mince pies and it's time to warm yourself up with one of our Winter Magic Coffees – a cappuccino style coffee with our own special blend including ginger, chocolate and hazelnuts.

We have 2 spaces available on the Something Chocolatey Workshop on Monday 7th December but that's it until January. If you are stuck for a present, why not treat somebody to a Something Chocolatey Gift Voucher?

We have a basket of Christmassy chocolate gifts here as well as lots of lovely Phoenix cards so you can relax with a coffee and get some Christmas shopping done at the same time.

We will be closing for Christmas on Saturday 19th December (anyone joining us on that day will of course be locked in until all the cake has been eaten) and reopening for the New Year on Monday 4th January.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our customers and their families a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year and to thank you all for your continued support.

Finally, as previously mentioned, we are now registered as a Book Crossing site. For anyone not aware, Book Crossing is the World's Library – a way of passing on a book that you have read to other readers. Simply bring a book into us and we will give it a reference number (so that it can be tracked) and then it will be "set free". Browse our bookshelf (which we still need to acquire) and see if there's anything you would like to read – simple!

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2016.

Amanda and Ruth



Naphill Christmas Gift Fayre



Saturday 5th December

At the Village Hall

Doors open 1.00 p.m



Soy wax candles from "By Candlelight"

"Beads & Bracelets" Handmade Cards Gifts

"Something Chocolatey" "Stella & Dot" Jewellery

"Forever Living" Aloe Vera products

Christmas stockings, Tree skirts & Decorations

Cake Raffle

Refreshments Tombolas

Grand Draw

And much more!

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies



Carols by Candlelight

**Naphill Village Hall
Sunday
20 December 4pm**



**Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields
Council**



**Wish you all a very Happy
Christmas and a happy and healthy
New Year**

The Christmas Kindness Elves



Each year on 1 December, the Kindness Elves arrive at the Tanceva Cobley home



Vivi loves her elves and gave them each a name.

The Kindness Elves leave notes each day asking the children to do a little act of kindness



Story and photographs courtesy of Gordana Tanceva Cobley



Happy Christmas

from
Vivi & Archer



Naphill & W Firework D

Photographs courtesy of Thomas & Gary Britton



Walter's Ash Display 2015

Fireworks Display & Bonfire Report 2015

My thanks to all those who turned out on the morning of this event to help. All the committee members were there plus quite a few others. Most of us are ageing so a few younger helpers would be welcome next year! We all got well and truly soaked, but fortunately it was not cold. The Wheel provided us with a warming lunch which spurred us on into the afternoon.

We had been watching the weather forecast, along with most of the village, so we knew that the rain would clear around 3pm when there was a brief period of sun. The weather in the evening was good, with little wind, no rain and it was not cold. The crowds flocked in. This year, for the first time, we counted everyone who came, nearly 2,400 people, which was a record attendance. People came from as far as Beaconsfield to see our fireworks.

I think you will agree the display was fantastic with even more fireworks being fired electrically, giving a more polished and synchronised performance. Our gate stewards reported that when the spectators were leaving many commented on how good it was.

The bonfire was just palets this year which made it light quickly and also die down easily after the event. It also meant that there was less smoke and fewer flying embers. This year no one had to be treated for ash in their eye and just one child had a burned hand due to picking up a sparkler which was apparently dropped by their parent, so fortunately not too serious!

The bar sold out and the BBQ was on its last sausage! All due to the greatly increased turnout. It is always difficult to judge the numbers as it is very dependent upon the weather. Last year we had rain and so fewer people attended and we made about £4,500 for the village hall funds but this year indications are that we have made over £7,000. I am sure you will agree that this is a fantastic achievement!

A lot of work goes on prior to the day and then on the day there is a lot of set-up and then clearing away. I would like to thank all of those who contributed in any way towards the fireworks display. Thanks, in no particular order to:

- The Wheel, and The Gate for their generous donations of barrels of beer,
- Wycombe Trade waste for the bins and considerable numbers of pallets,
- The RAF station commander, Group Captain Phil Lester who lit the bonfire and was very enthusiastic,
- RAF for their fire tender and other contributions of supplies,
- All the shops, pubs and estate agent in the village who sell the tickets at no profit to themselves,

- Mark Blamey and Michael from Country Supplies for their outstanding work with the digger getting the bonfire as high as possible without making the Crick too muddy,
- Darren Lomas and his BBQ team,
- Adam Pool, John Harris and the firing team (the Pool family). Adam goes on training course every year to allow him to continue, and uprate, his firing licence, as well as updating the risk assessment and taking the final decision of whether we go ahead with the display,
- Ron Carter and his army of stewards on the numerous gates and entrances,
- My slightly smaller army of marshals to guard the bonfire and fireworks fall-out areas,
- Clive Lawrence and his bar staff who run the Men's Club bar,
- Mike and Cherry Grout at the first aid post – nothing major this year to report thankfully,
- Kieren Moore for his radios and his Bucket collection team who collect money from those who look over the hedge along Main Road,
- Steve Curtis who handles all the electrics,
- Moira Harris's team who run the soup, mulled wine and hot chocolate stall,
- Monika Maculewicz helped by Ruth Bond on the necklaces, glo-sticks and swords for the children,
- Dave Webb for driving the National Trust Land Rover by kind permission of those at Hughenden Manor. It is the ultimate off road vehicle and comes into its own in the evening across a muddy Crick,
- Darren Lomas is also responsible for the artwork on the tickets, posters etc.

Finally my thanks to Country Supplies for sponsoring the eco pint cups which we have now been using for a year. Some are taken home as souvenirs which is great and the rest are washed and used at the next event. Using them saves on landfill and is an opportunity for some advertising for the village events.

Next year we would like some younger volunteers to help with the organisation and on the day please. Perhaps parents of the scouts and guides whose children enjoy the event so much might consider helping. Please give me a call or drop me an e-mail if you would like to help us.

I hope you enjoyed it and look forward to next year's fireworks and bonfire on 5 November 2016.

Andrew Wilmot
Chairman
2015 Fireworks Committee
NaphillVillageHall@Yahoo.co.uk



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year From The Wheel



Firstly, we would like to thank the Bonfire team for another amazing display. Well done to all the helpers, volunteers and organisers! The turn out on The Crick was brilliant and also the Pub garden was rather busy too, so I thank all my staff and customers who raised £467 in our collection buckets.

So What's coming up?

December is obviously Christmas Party season, so if you still wish to hold your festive party here please call and we will see if we can still accommodate you. We will also have the local Church performing Carols on 15th December.

- 31st December - New Year's Party . The theme is Animals, (NO onesies) 'ticket only'
- 16th January 2016 - Game Food Evening
- 6th February 2016 - RBS 6 Nations start

Festive Opening Times:

21st 4:30pm - 11pm
24th 12pm - 12am
25th 12pm - 2pm - Kitchen Closed
26th 6pm - 10.30pm - Kitchen Closed
27th 12pm - 10.30pm (Food 12-3, no Roasts)
28th 12pm - 11pm (Bank Holiday, Food 12-3 6-9.30)
31st 12pm - 1:30am (kitchen closes at 8:30pm)
1st 6pm - 10:30pm - Kitchen Closed

All other days are normal opening times. Thank you to all our customers and staff during 2015, and here's to a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you all have a wonderful festive season.

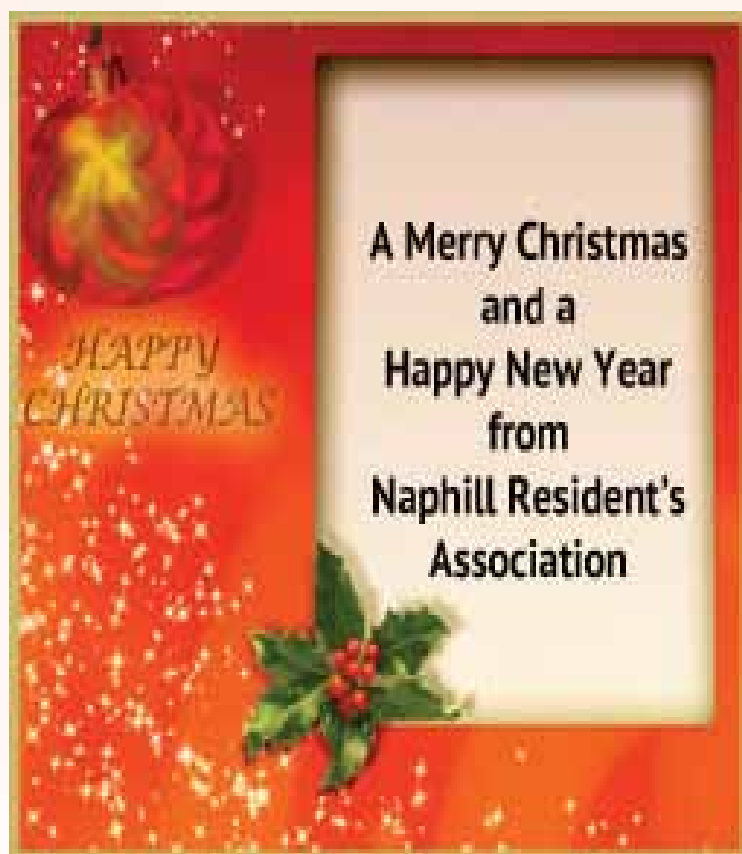
Cheers!

Claire & Mark



Santa Claus is Outside The Wheel

You better look out
You better say Hi
Better not shout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is outside, **The Wheel**
He's got a customer list
And is checking it twice
Gonna find out Who's naughty and nice
Santa Claus is outside, **The Wheel**
He sees you when you're staggering
He knows when you've been drinking
He knows if you've been bad or good
So enjoy for goodness sake!
O! You better look out!
You better say Hi
Better not shout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is outside, **The Wheel**
Santa Claus is outside, **The Wheel**



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from The Black Lion



As the Naphill and Walters Ash Gazette goes to press the weather has been cold, dark and wet, but it's nice to see it didn't spoil any of the local events that have been going on.

So let's start with our Fancy Dress Halloween Disco. What an amazing turn out we had, there were more than 90 people that came to celebrate with us, 40 of them being children and at least 60 of you were in fancy dress and I must say you all made an incredible effort. So thank you very much and it's something we will definitely be doing again next year.

Then we had the village bonfire and fireworks night and it was a great success! Over 2,500 people turned up to watch what was a fantastic display. A massive well done to all who were involved in organising this amazing event for the village.

Now we move to on to our upcoming events, our first one is a new takeaway menu we are starting on the 30th November. It will run Monday to Thursday 5-7pm. It will consist of our tasty South Devon Fish and chips and lots more. The menu will be available on our website very soon so you can see what other dishes we have to offer. You can either call us in

advance on 01494 563176 to place your order or pop in and order your food at the bar and have a lovely pint while you wait. We hope to see you all trying our takeaway service very soon.

As you read this article our pub will be very much in the Christmas spirit with all of our decorations up and our festive menu underway. There are still spaces for you to have a Christmas meal with us however they are limited so get your bookings in as soon as you can. 2 courses are only £17.50 and 3 courses are £22.50 which all include tea or coffee and mince pies.

On a final note one of our very hard working members of staff has gone travelling to Australia. Harry Salter has been with us since we took over the Black back in April 2011. He has been an extremely dedicated individual and we wish him all the best on his new adventure.

Once again thank you all for your continued custom and see you all soon

Jack and all the team.

Naphill Tennis Club



Christmas will soon be upon us and so will our Festive Tennis event on Saturday 5 December. Plenty of light-hearted tennis with mulled wine and mince pies to be followed by a 'bring and share' lunch!

We play tennis all the year round – weather permitting – and are always happy to welcome new members. Come and join us at one of our friendly club sessions and enjoy some fresh air and exercise washed down with a coffee. Our membership rates are extremely good value. For further information, please contact the Membership Secretary, Sarah Dengel, on 01494 563706.

We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas!

Jenny Tench

Naphill Brownies

In recent weeks we have had two brilliant science nights, in which we have had the chance to discover how unique we all are and to learn how colours and sound travel. We made our very own hologram projectors (Oh so clever!) and we were fascinated with the spooky 'halloween' effects of dry ice. We have definitely earned our science investigator badges.

Just before half term we were lucky enough to have a visit from Keith Broadey from Hughenden Manor's beekeeping team. He brought a hive, currently unoccupied, to show us, and he told us all about the different bees in the hive and how they all work together. The brownies were full of questions for Keith which he took completely in his stride. A big thank you to Keith from all of us.



As ever we were proud to take part in the Village Remembrance service on Sunday 8th November. It is great to join together with the rest of the Scouts and Guides of the village and realise that we are part of a great organisation in a great village.



This week we had a fun brownie evening 'In the Dark' with lots of activities inside and out by torchlight or in the dark. We had great fun playing Glowband Hoopla as well as making glowing fireflies and going outside for a torchlight treasure hunt.

The time flies by so fast. How can it be that we have so few weeks left before Christmas? We will still have just enough time for brownies enrolments, a Chocolate evening and plenty of Christmas activities.

We hope you all have as much fun at Christmas as we do.

Brown Owl (Ruth Daly)
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Growing Your Own

There is virtually no sowing to do in December and January. My autumn planting of overwintering onions in the garden and of elephant garlic and shallots on the allotment was done in October, leaving nothing else to sow or plant out this autumn. However, the great delight of December and January is visiting the allotment every day to take the crops; there is nothing like really fresh vegetables – the reward for a season of work of sowing and weeding. There is no need for storage space in the 'fridge or cupboard, the allotment is my larder.

The crops I shall be taking this winter from the allotment are: carrots, turnips, Brussels sprouts, red cabbage, purple sprouting broccoli, celeriac, celery, cichoria, spring onions, beetroot and leeks. (I had a crop failure of my parsnips in 2015). From the garden I shall be taking salad plants of various kinds, and herbs. From the garage, eating apples and cooking apples stored wrapped in paper and various types of pumpkins, marrows and courgettes - and onions, elephant garlic, shallots and potatoes. And the loft? Well yes, I grow things in the loft in the winter. I grow chicory, which is what one finds in the supermarkets in winter – a solid yellow/whitish salad about 6 to 8 inches long called a "chicon" which can be cooked as it is but we prefer the leaves to be stripped off and

eaten raw as a delicious crunchy salad. I sow the seeds on the allotment in spring and leave them to it, just keeping the weeds away until December/January when I dig the roots up, cut the leaves off just above the roots then place about 6 roots in a large black builder's bucket, fill up with soil and put the bucket in the loft where it is warm and dark – and cover the bucket with a black bin liner. After a few weeks the "chicons" start to grow, using the energy stored in the roots and moisture from the soil (it is necessary to water carefully from time to time). When the chicons are large enough I cut them off at the root and take them to the kitchen. New chicons will then grow from the root but they will be much smaller since the root will have lost a lot of its energy.

Another task in December and January are pruning. I have many fruit trees and fruit bushes which require a lot of pruning in the dormant months. If the weather allows I time my pruning to catch the next emptying



of the green wheely bin by Wycombe District Council. It is so nice of them to take away my prunings; I no longer have to have an enormous bonfire every year. As for weeding, December and January are dormant months so there should

be few weeds germinating and, hopefully, the weeding I did in the autumn will have sufficed.

Good gardening!

Mike Mason

Thank You Morrisons!

I would like to say 'thank you' to Lee King, the store manager at Morrisons.

When I deliver the Gazettes to our deliverers I put the number they each require in supermarket bags; there has always been quite a good supply from friends and family.

However, because of the introduction of charging for bags, this is going to become more of a problem.

We have 30 people who kindly deliver your Gazette to you 10 months a year which, if I have done my sums right, amounts to 300 bags a year!

I approached Lee King, at Morrisons, explaining the situation and asking if he would be prepared to sponsor us by giving me a supply of 'bag for life' bags, at no cost to us. This he has kindly done. Problem solved, hopefully.

I plan to allocate two bags to each deliverer, which will be used on a rotation basis. As long as I get the bag back each month this should work well.

So, as I have already said 'thank you Lee King for helping to solve a problem for me'.

Pauline Pool

Distribution Manager

Leigh Lewis
optometrist
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**Best Wishes for Christmas
and the New Year!**

Naphill & Walters Ash School Christmas Fair



Jedi report to the
school hall for
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Naphill Scouts

As the nights draw in we have had our annual pumpkin carving extravaganza

25 pumpkins were carved, and we still had 250 fingers at the end, with minimal blood spilt. Phew! Best pumpkin was by Lewis Bendell, and the best patrol effort was the wolves. Well done to Lewis and the wolves.

Naphill Scouts Enjoyed Pumpkin Carving!



Photograph courtesy of Naphill Scouts

After this we have moved on to preparing for our night hike and have been doing some map reading and compass work in the hut.

We invested four new scouts and welcomed them to the troop

Finally we produced our Christmas greeting for the village



Photograph
courtesy of
Naphill Scouts

Merry Christmas
Adrian

Deep Meditation & Self Knowledge Course

This is a Meditation course based on the MPA method which is based on modern psychology as well as ancient traditions. Not linked to religion, open to all, lead by qualified meditation teacher. 5 consecutive

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Hughenden Parish Council Report

HPC FACTOID #6 In the first months of the new council our website has had over 37,000 visits and served over 77,000 page views.

You've probably done it at some point.

Maybe standing in a field, ankle deep in mud with the rain lashing your numb cheeks or in a echoing hall with two dozen screaming children, you've thought to yourself - why did I ever volunteer!

Well it happens to us Councillors too and for those that only started back in May, it can be rather disheartening. Those intentions of making a positive difference, giving back to the community and contributing to the area we live in, not just muttering about things being, or not being done but stepping up and making sure something is done - all of that promptly has a skipload of cold water poured over it when someone disagrees with what the Council votes to do and mounts a campaign against the individuals involved.

A Parish Council is about as fair a democratic body you can have in this nation. Unpaid volunteers living in the immediate neighbourhood representing their fellow neighbours, elected every 4 years with- in our case - 3 others representing the same area (Ward) that's roughly 1 Councillor for every 400 men, women and children who live in Naphill & Walter's Ash. Our MP on his own, by comparison represents roughly 110,000 of us across an area that stretches from Aylesbury to Stokenchurch.

We meet formally every month along with Councillors from the 3 other neighbouring Wards that make up our Parish and decisions are taken by majority vote at our local council chambers in front of other neighbours and recorded in our minutes which are then published and available to all. Those decisions are then carried out by our Council Staff and contractors all of whom reside in or very close to the Parish.

It is the nature of things that people are bound to disagree with decisions that the Council makes from time to time. Councillors even disagree. Don't think for one moment that every Council decision is unanimously supported. However, once made we should respect those decisions as having been arrived at fairly and democratically, by a group of local representatives who really care. If not, then finding those volunteers will become harder and harder and then perhaps decisions won't be made at all or will be made so far away that the people taking them won't care.

On a lighter note, many of you will have seen the Walter's Ash duck pond reappear from behind the Kilnwood bus stop in the past few weeks. Along with opening up the pond to more light and reducing the amount of leaves that will fall into it, a large part of the busy pavement has been reclaimed which improves safety for those waiting at the bus stop and walking past. Replacing the patchwork of fencing will be the next step which is now scheduled for the new year.

It was an impressive turnout at this years' service of Remembrance at the Village Hall & War Memorial. Wonderful to see the full spectrum of age groups in the audience as well as the local groups that were involved. It also made a difference with the traffic being stopped whilst we congregated around the stone

memorial for the laying of the wreaths and the minutes silence. Well done

Before Christmas takes us over, the next significant item for us Councillors to tackle is the setting of next year's budget (Apr 2016/Mar2017) at our annual Precept meeting. This will be our first as a new council. The budget we are operating on currently having been set by the previous administration back in Dec 2014. Along with business as usual items, such as grass & hedge cutting, we will be considering taking on some services from our County Council (so called devolution), the long term plan for our Garden of Rest at Four Ashes along with existing and submitted requests by community organisations and charities for grants, donations and loans. Thanks to those that read our appeal in October we have had a good response and thus we should be able to help the most deserving of these in the coming year.

It remains for us to wish all our parishioners a very merry Christmas and a jolly 2016.

Your Parish Councillors

*Phil Crawford, Dennis Hackling,
Chris Waterton & Peter Williams*
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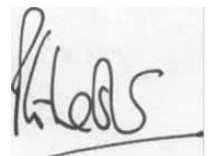
**From: Group Captain P T G Lester MA MPhil
(Cantab) FCMI RAF Station Commander & Group
Captain United States Visiting Forces**

In the light of the recent terrorist attacks in Paris, I feel it is appropriate to write and reassure you that there is currently no information to suggest an increase in threat to Service personnel, their families, or indeed the local community which we share, and which provides the Station with such excellent support.

Whilst the tragic events in Paris have not impacted directly upon the Threat to the UK population or Service personnel, you should note that RAF High Wycombe will be responding through a range of enhanced security activities. You may therefore note an increase in security presence and activity over the coming days; however, this should not be cause for alarm, as this activity is merely intended to reassure personnel and their families, and raise security profile across RAF High Wycombe, Service Families Accommodation and within the local community who share and frequent our facilities.

I am acutely aware that the local community continues to play an important role in supporting the day to day activities of the Station, and would request that local residents continue to remain vigilant in terms of reporting any suspicious activity they may observe in the local area. Where such activity is suspected, I would request that it is reported immediately to Thames Valley Police on 999 or 101, or where appropriate to the RAF Police on 01494 496721.

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Naphill Horticultural Society

www.naphillhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

Our recent Cheese & Wine evening was another great success, so thanks to all who came along. The evening started with a very entertaining and informative talk by John Negus who told us more about creating "Borders of Distinction" and also tested our knowledge of Latin plant names (Well done Judy!).

Once again, the cheese & pate buffet was demolished in record time, what more can I say?

Well, actually, what I can happily tell you is that this was not our final event. Paul Ceurvorst has kindly volunteered to take on the role of Show Secretary, so a massive thank you to Paul.

This means that the Society will continue, but we have decided to slim down a bit. We will now hold only 1 show per year, and this will be in the Autumn, and not have a Dinner in March as this has been running at a loss for a few years.. Everything is still in the planning stage, so watch this space!

If any of our members are interested in visiting the RHS Gardens at Wisley, the Society has a Garden Entry card, which allows entry at a reduced rate for two people and is valid any day except Sunday. If you wish to borrow the card, please give me a call.

Finally, on behalf of the Committee, thank you to everyone for their support over the past year, and we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Cathryn Carter
563233

Naphill Evening WI

As you would expect, December at WI is all about partying and eating. The Food Group are off to The Peacock Country Inn at Henton on 8 December for their Christmas lunch and on 10 December it will be the Christmas Party, when the competition will be for a home-made Christmas decoration.

I think members would agree that we have had a really good year with some really interesting speakers and events, thanks to our hard-working committee.

Next year, our first meeting will be on 21 January when Sue Benwell will tell us about Norman Wisdom's early life. The competition will be words of four or more letters from 'Norman Wisdom' – something to think about between Christmas and New Year perhaps.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Carol Gilliam.

Picture This

We had friends from 'up North' staying for the weekend recently. Allie and Kev had come South for my wife's birthday party. And I'll bet that you can picture the scene, imagining lots of "ecky-thumps" and "mi-ducks"; and to some extent you'd be right. You're also probably wondering what the 'eck this has to do with photography.

Well, on a grey, wet and very windy Sunday, we, along with my assistant Furball, went for a walk. The Common was far too muddy and with the gale-force gusts, I thought that it was probably a bit dodgy for

walking. A wise decision as it turned out. The following day, the Common was littered with broken branches and sadly I found that The Great Beech - the ancient guardian of the Dew Pond - had been felled by the gale and the shattered tree was now embracing its pond. A sad scene. But, photographically, I digress.

So, we went to Bradenham, a place that I and Furball have walked in hundreds of times and probably photographed thousands of times. I feel that I know it so well; the Monet-hued cricket pitch roller; the battlemented White House; where the orchids grow; when the Marbled Whites will appear; how the tower of St Botolph's and the Manor emerge as you walk up the slope. We walked and Furball romped in familiar fields.

"What an amazing view" said Kev, "That is so beautiful".

We stopped walking. "I love looking at beautiful places. Just standing, just looking".

Allie joined in. "It's such a beautiful place, you're so lucky"

I looked.

Furball sat.

I looked and listened.

They kept talking, describing what they could see; the shape and the rhythm of the undulating hills across the valley: the horses, trees and hedges; the flow of a fence as it swept across the field below us and more to the point, how the view made them feel.

I listened and I looked some more. Listening to them talk created new pictures in my mind. Pictures that without their words, might have escaped me. I didn't have - nor did I need a camera. The possibilities and pictures are now in my mind waiting to be collected by the camera on another day.

I realised, not for the first time, looking with new eyes allows you to see new vistas, new realities. A simple walk with two friends opened my eyes to new possibilities. What could open yours? Maybe the wisdom of two eminent photographers:

"The eye should learn to listen before it looks."

Robert Frank

"You don't make a photograph just with a camera. You bring to the act of photography all the pictures you have seen, the books you have read, the music you have heard, the people you have loved."

Ansel Adams

I hope that you enjoy your photography, have a very happy, peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Richard
richard@richardholroydphotography.com

Richard's Cover Picture Notes

Many thanks to Paul Goby for his stunning photograph of a Robin caught in full song. The moment we saw it we knew that we had a great cover picture for December.

For the technical minded, I'm guessing that Paul used a long telephoto lens and he selected a large aperture to softly blur the immediate foreground and background. The Robin is beautifully sharp (just look Robin in the eye) so a short exposure would also have been used to eliminate camera shake. That's the technical bit, now enjoy the picture again and again

Napill Wednesday Fellowship

Jean Lawrence Mann, who died earlier this year aged 95, was a lifelong member of our local Methodist Church and a great supporter of The National Children's Home Charity. The members of the Fellowship recently held a tea party and sale to raise money for this charity in memory of our dear friend.

Mark Laurence, Jean's nephew, came with the lovely photo of Jean, aged 95, on a motor bike.

We had a lovely afternoon and I should like to thank everybody who made this event possible as well as all the people who helped. We are very grateful to you all and are delighted to announce that we raised £310 for Jean's favourite charity.

Betty Jones

The Last Word

As I write I am waiting for the very last article for this special Christmas / New Year edition of the Naphill and Walter's Ash Gazette to wing its way to my computer. There is an element of trepidation that I have left the right amount of space and that I won't have to set about rearranging the entire magazine!

Usually it is me who eulogises over the magazine cover but I have left that job to Richard this time as this month's photograph, which I love, is the work of Himself, my long suffering husband, so "thank you Paul" and I am sure our readers will appreciate it as much as I do.

There is NO January Gazette! I really should appreciate ALL your articles and photographs to arrive on or before 15 January. Please make sure that ALL your Christmas/ New Year news and 'thank you's' are with me by this date. I work very hard at ensuring that our reports are current and that all village events are given a fair share of magazine space to advertise and report. SO! The great NAPFEST will be back with us from February through to our August/September edition.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks to our subscribers and advertisers, our loyal contributors, our distributors who turn out in all weathers, our ever patient printer, my stalwart Gusetteers and everybody who makes it

possible for me to be the very proud editor of this great magazine. MERRY CHRISTMAS and Every Blessing for 2015!

Sonia

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1 December Precept Meeting 8pm-10pm,
8 December Full Council meeting 8pm-10pm,
12 January Full Council meeting 8pm-10pm,
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Christmas Fayre

5 December
1pm
Village Hall

WANSA Christmas Fayre

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3.15pm-5.30pm

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14 & 17 December 8pm

Christmas Tree Lights
Weather permitting
28 November

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Long Walk 14 December

Carols by Candlelight
20 December
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